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ADVERTISEMENT.

At the meeting of the Convention of 1848, a Committee was raised to take into consideration the *practicability* and *expediency* of printing the early Journals of the Convention, and it was recommended that the subject be further committed, to ascertain whether any arrangement could be made to publish the early Journals of the Convention, not yet published, without expense to the Convention, and to take all needful measures to accomplish "this desirable object." Whereupon the Rev. Moses B. Chase, the Rev. Theodore Edson, and Mr. William Parker, were appointed a Committee, to procure the printing of the early Journals. By this time, the subject had come to be more fully presented to the minds of the members of the Convention, and the importance of the measure was more strongly felt. And in order to aid the Committee in devising ways to accomplish the "desirable object," the following resolution was offered and unanimously passed, viz:

Resolved, That the Convention subscribe for one copy of the early Journals of this Diocese, for every clergyman in the Diocese, and for every Bishop in the United States.

By this resolution, the question of *practicability* was settled at once, and the Committee found it easy to arrange with a printer, to undertake the work. The *expediency* of printing the Journals, deserved grave consideration, inasmuch as the subject having been already agitated in Convention of 1821, it was deliberately resolved that it was not expedient to publish them in full, but that

an abstract might be made. Reasons should be good and substantial, to weigh against the adoption of the abstract, in lieu of the Journals at large, and the following were deemed to be such, viz: 1st. The objections to printing in extenso, have been, in a great measure, obviated by time, and their force is diminishing every day. 2dly. The original organization and past action of the Convention, serve, in no small degree, as principles to guide its action in future. Hence, its Journals should be easily accessible to all concerned, and the earlier, more especially. They can be made generally accessible no otherwise, than by multiplying copies. 3. The original manuscript Records are liable, at any time, to be destroyed by fire, or otherwise lost, and in case of such a calamity, the contents would be irrecoverable, unless copies were, in some way, multiplied. Some portions of the Journals have already been lost; and valuable papers are missing, and it is feared, irrecoverably gone. 4th. An abstract, however judiciously made, cannot fully serve the purpose, because it is sometimes important to know what was not done, as well as what was transacted, in regard to which, one cannot otherwise be so well satisfied, as by access to the entire Record. The Committee cannot but hope that one good result of the printing may be the recovery of some of the missing portions of the Journals, and perhaps of papers, the value of which, will be better appreciated by what is now published.

This impression of the Journals has been carefully collated with the original manuscript Records, by the Committee, and unavoidable errors excepted, is certified to be a correct transcript of the same.

M. B. Chase,
Theodore Edson,
William Parker.

May, 1849.

JOURNAL, 1784.

At a Convention of the Episcopal Clergy of the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, held at Boston, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Sept. 8, 1784.

Present.

Rev. John Greaves, Providence.
Rev. Edward Bass, Newburyport.
Rev. Moses Badger, Newport.
Rev. Wm. Willard Wheeler, Scituate and Marshfield.
Rev. Stephen C. Lewis, Christ Church, Boston.
Rev. Nathaniel Fisher, Salem.
Rev. Samuel Parker, Trinity Church, Boston.

Rev. John Greaves, of Providence, was chosen Moderator.

Rev. Nathaniel Fisher, of Salem, Secretary.

Voted, That Rev. Mr. Bass, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Parker, be a Committee and invested with power to summon this Convention to meet at such time and place as they shall judge most convenient, when the exigencies of the Church make it necessary, and that each clergyman, propose to his congregation, to choose one of their number, as a Delegate, to attend said meeting; and that said Com-

mittee, also write to the Wardens of those Churches that are destitute of a regular Clergyman, and propose to them to choose one of their number to represent them at said meeting.

A true extract from the Minutes of Convention.

Attest, ——————, *Secretary.*

In consequence of the within vote, the said Committee agreed to call a Convention of the Episcopal Churches, at Boston, on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 1785, and wrote the following Letter to the Churches, at Portsmouth, Claremont, and Holderness, in New Hampshire; at Falmouth, Newburyport, Salem, Marblehead, Trinity and Christ Churches Boston, Dedham, Stoughton, Braintree, Bridgewater, Scituate, and Marshfield, in Massachusetts; at Newport, Providence, Bristol, and Narraganset, in Rhode Island State, — viz:

GENTLEMEN, — Pursuant to a vote passed in a Convention of the Episcopal Clergy of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, held at Boston, Sept. 8, 1784, appointing the Rev. Messrs. Edward Bass, Nathaniel Fisher, and Samuel Parker, a Committee, and empowering them to call a Convention of the Episcopal Churches in this and the neighboring States, to meet at such time and place as they shall judge most necessary and convenient; You are hereby requested to propose to the Church of which you are Wardens, to choose one of your number, to meet in Convention at Boston, on Wednesday, the 7th day of September next, then to deliberate upon some plan of maintaining uniformity in divine worship, and adopting such measures as may tend to the union and prosperity of the Episcopal Churches in the American States.

I am, gentlemen, in behalf of said Committee,

Your most obedient and very humble servant.

JOURNAL, 1785.

At a Convention of Clergymen and Lay Deputies of the Episcopal Church of the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, held at Boston, Sept. 7 and 8, 1785.

Present.

Rev. Edward Bass, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Rev. Wm. Willard Wheeler, Rector of the united Churches at Scituate, Marshfield, Braintree, and Bridgewater.

Rev. Nathaniel Fisher, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Rev. Samuel Parker, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

Hon. Tristram Dalton, Esq., Deputy of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Stephen Greenleaf, Esq., and Mr. Benjamin Greene, Deputies of Trinity Church, Boston.

Thomas Ivers, Esq., and Mr. James Sherman, Deputies of Christ Church, Boston.

Dr. Charles Stockbridge, Deputy of Scituate, Marshfield, and Bridgewater.

Rev. Wm. Willard Wheeler, Deputy of Braintree.

Mr. Woodward Abraham, Deputy of Marblehead.

Mr. Joshua Kingsbury, Deputy of Dedham.

Mr. Joseph Aspinwall, Deputy of Stoughton.

Mr. John Bours, Deputy of Trinity Church, Newport, Rhode Island.

Mr. John Usher, Deputy of Bristol, R. I.

Dr. Francis Borland, Deputy of Queen's Chapel, Portsmouth, N. H.

Voted, Rev. Edward Bass, President of this Convention.

Voted, Rev. Nathaniel Fisher, Secretary.

Voted, That the Clergy and Laity now assembled shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote separately, and the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to every measure.

Voted, That the Convention take into consideration the revisal of the Liturgy and offices of the Church, as contained in the Book of Common Prayer, and make such alterations as may be necessary; and that the omissions and alterations, agreed upon by a Committee of Convocation, held at Middletown, in Connecticut, August 3, 1785, as contained in paper No. 1, serve as a basis for our present proceedings.

The Convention then proceeded to a revisal of the State Prayers, in the Book of Common Prayer, and came to the following resolutions, as a substitute for the State Prayers.

That in the Suffrage, after the Creed, in morning and evening prayer, instead of, "O Lord save the King," it be read, O Lord save the Church, to which the congregation are to make the accustomed response, "and mercifully hear us," &c.

That the prayer for the King, in morning and evening service, be left out; and the prayer for the Royal Family be thus altered, — Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless the Governor

and Council of this Commonwealth, endue them with thy Holy Spirit, and so on, as it now stands.

That in the Litany, the 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th petitions be omitted, and the petition for Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, immediately follow that for the universal Church; the 20th and 21st petition be thus read, — that it may please thee to endue the Governor and Council of this Commonwealth with grace, wisdom, and understanding; that it may please thee to bless and keep the Judges and subordinate Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth; — to both which, the usual response, "we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord," is to be made by the congregation.

That in the prayer for the whole state of Christ's Church Militant, the part relating to Rulers and Ministers, be thus altered: — We beseech thee also to save and defend, all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors, and grant that they, and all that are in authority, may truly and impartially minister justice to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue; give grace, O Heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, that they may, — and so on, as it now stands.

That the prayers for the King, that stand before the Nicene Creed, in the Communion Service, be omitted.

That in the Answer in the Catechism, to the question, "What is thy duty towards thy neighbor," for, "to honor and obey the King", be substituted, to honor and obey my civil rulers, to submit myself, &c.

That during every session of the General Court, the following Collect be used in its proper place: — Most Gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this Commonwealth in general, so especially for the General Court at this time assembled, that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advance-

ment of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honor, and welfare of thy people; that all things may be so ordered and settled, by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundation, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us, for all generations; — these, and all other necessaries, for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg, in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

That the observation of 5th November, 30th January, 29th May, and 25th October, be discontinued.

In the other parts of the Liturgy and offices of the Church, they came to the following resolutions:

That in the Te Deum, the sentence following this, "when thou tookedst upon thee to deliver man," be thus altered, thou didst humble thyself to be born of a pure virgin.

That the Article in the Apostle's Creed, "He descended into Hell," be omitted.

That the Creed commonly called the Creed of St. Athanasius, be wholly disused.

That it be left discretionary with the Minister, Wardens, and Vestry, of each particular Church, or congregation, to omit or use the Nicene Creed, as they shall severally choose.

That the response after the suffrage, "give peace in our time, O Lord," be thus altered, and make all nations to rejoice in thy loving kindness, O God.

That the Lord's Prayer, after the Apostles' Creed, and also what is usually called the shorter Litany, or the petitions, "Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy," &c. be omitted, or left out. That the petitions in the Litany, from, "O Christ hear us," inclusive, to the prayer beginning, "O God, merciful Father," and from the end of that

prayer, including the response, "O Lord arise, help us, and deliver us, for thy name's sake," as far as the suffrage, "From our enemies defend us, O Christ," exclusive, be also omitted.

That the Lord's Prayer, at the beginning of the Communion Service, be omitted; and that the Gloria Patri be repeated only at the last of the Psalms, read at morning and evening service, when more than one, or that it be repeated but once in reading the Psalms.

The Prayer for the Clergy and people, in morning and evening service, to be thus read, Almighty and everlasting God, from whom alone every good and perfect gift doth come, send down upon all Bishops and Pastors, and the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace, &c.

That in the first warning, for the Celebration of the Holy Communion, the word "damnation," following these words, "increase your," be read, condemnation; and the two paragraphs after these words, "or else come not to that holy table," be omitted, and the following one be read, And if there be any of you, who by these means cannot. quiet their own conscience, &c. The words "learned and discreet," epithets given to ministers, &c. be also omitted.

That in the Exhortation at the Communion, the paragraph concerning the danger of receiving the same unworthily, be thus altered: — So is the danger great, if we receive the same unworthily, not considering the Lord's Body, for then we are guilty of the Body and Blood of Christ our Saviour, we eat and drink judgment to ourselves, kindling God's wrath against us, and provoking him to afflict us with divers diseases, and sundry kinds of death.

That it be left discretionary with the Minister, whether the words, "The body of our Lord Jesus Christ," &c., be repeated to each communicant separately, when the bread

is given, or whether it shall be repeated but once, for all then present at the Altar — and the same also at giving the cup; and if the latter is adopted, that the plural be then used, instead of the singular.

That at the Baptism of Infants, parents may be admitted Sponsors, with one or other person, if a suitable one can be procured, — if not, the parents alone, in their own persons, or by their proxies.

In the first address to the people in the Baptismal Office, the words, "All men are conceived and born in sin," be omitted, and the words, "our Saviour Christ," follow "for as much as."

That the words, "release him of his sins," in the address to the Sponsors, be omitted; that when the child or person is baptized in church, instead of repeating the Creed, the priest may say, Dost thou believe all the articles of the Christian faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed? to which the answer shall be, I do, and, by God's help, I will instruct this child in that faith; the following question to be thus altered, Wilt thou have this child to be baptized in that faith? The usual response to follow; the last demand and response to be omitted.

That the Sign of the Cross may be omitted, if particularly desired by the Sponsors.

In the last prayer, the following alterations to be made: "That it hath pleased thee, by thy holy baptism, to regenerate this infant or person," the words "Vulgar tongue," in the Exhortation and Charge to the Sponsors, be omitted; and the words, "if opportunity presents," be added at the end of the Charge.

At the Burial of the Dead, the Commitment of the Body to the ground, to be thus altered: For as much as it hath pleased Almighty God, to take out of this mortal life, the soul of our brother (or sister), here departed, we therefore commit his (or her) body to the ground, earth to earth,

ashes to ashes, dust to dust, looking for the resurrection of the body, and the life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body, that it may be like unto his glorious Body, according to the mighty working, whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself.

The prayer following the Lord's Prayer, to be omitted; and after the words, "beginning of the world," in the last prayer, be added this paragraph: So that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy name, may then have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, grant this, &c.

That the office of Churching of Women, be omitted, excepting the introduction, the latter part of which shall be read: You shall therefore join in giving hearty thanks to God; and the Collect, which shall be thus altered: O Almighty God, we give thee humble thanks, for thy great mercy vouchsafed to this woman, thy servant, who now desires to offer up her praises and thanksgivings to thee; and grant, &c.

The second paragraph in the Introduction to the Commination Service, to be thus read: instead whereof, it is thought good at this time, in the presence of you all, should be read the general sentences of God's cursing against impenitent sinners, gathered out of the seven and twentieth chapter of Deuteronomy and other places of Scripture:—the remainder of this paragraph, with the Rubrick, that "the people shall answer and say, Amen," to the Curses, to be omitted.

That the Absolution, in the office of the Visitation of the Sick, be expunged, and the Absolution used in the Communion Service, be substituted in its stead, if necessary.

That the Introduction to the Marriage Service, contain-

ing the reasons why matrimony was ordained, be omitted, from the words, "holy matrimony," to "therefore, if any man can shew any just cause," &c.

That the words, "plight and give thee my troth," be altered to pledge thee my truth; that the words, "with my body I thee worship, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow," in giving the ring, be omitted.

That it be left discretionary with the Minister, whether the Collect for the day be read more than once in the morning service, and also whether the Communion Service shall be read in the Reading Desk or in the Altar.

Voted, That it be recommended to the several Churches in these States, immediately to make the omissions, and adopt the alterations contained in the printed paper No. 1, and agreed upon by this Convention, as a substitute for the State Prayers, in the Book of Common Prayer, and that the using the other alterations be postponed till after the time to which this Convention shall be adjourned, in order that it may be seen, how far the other States will conform to said alterations.

Voted, That it is the opinion of this Convention, that it is not necessary nor convenient to send a Delegate or Delegates to the General Convention, to be holden at Philadelphia on the Tuesday preceding the Feast of St. Michael, but that a copy of the proceedings of this Convention be communicated, by a Committee to be hereafter chosen, to the President or some member of said Convention, to be communicated to said Body, and also to the Bishop or Clergy of Connecticut, previous to the Convention to be held at New Haven, to be communicated to them, requesting a speedy communication of each of their proceedings to said Committee.

Voted, That said Committee furnish all the Churches in the three States not represented here, and those whose

members are absent, with a copy of the alterations in the Liturgy, agreed upon by this Convention, and request of them a return of their actings thereon, to this Convention, at their adjournment.

Voted, Rev. Mr. Parker, Thomas Ivers, Esq., and Mr. Benjamin Greene, be said Committee, with a power to employ a Clerk to assist them.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Bass and Mr. Fisher be a Committee to form a Collect, to be inserted among the occasional prayers for the case of persons who have lost their friends, for persons sick, and for persons bound to sea, and report at the adjournment.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned to October 26th, and in case the Committee shall not then have received the returns from the Conventions at New Haven and Philadelphia, that they be authorized to adjourn said Convention, to such future day as they shall judge best, and notify the members of the same.

In consequence of the preceding votes of Convention, attested copies of the proposed alterations in the Liturgy and Offices of the Church, were transmitted to the Churches and Clergymen.

One to the Right Rev. Bishop Seabury, New London, Con.
" Rev. Bela Hubbard, New Haven, Con.
" Rev. Benjamin Moore, New York.
" Rev. William White, D. D., Philadelphia.
" St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, Mass.
" Trinity Church, Boston, Mass.
" Christ Church, "
" St. Peter's Church, Salem, Mass.
" United Churches at Scituate and Marshfield.
" Christ Church, Braintree, Mass.
" Church, Marblehead, Mass.

One to the Church, Falmouth, Mass.
" Trinity Church, Newport, R. I.
" St. Michael's Church, Bristol, R. I.
" Church, Providence, R. I.
" Church, Narraganset, R. I.
" Queen's Chapel, Portsmouth, N. H.
" Church, Claremont, N. H.
" Church, Holderness, N. H.

The Committee chosen at the foregoing Convention, and empowered to adjourn said Convention to a further day, did, by virtue of said power, adjourn said Convention several times, and sent the following Circular Letters to the several Churches in these States:

Boston, Oct. 20, 1785.

Pursuant to a vote passed in Convention, held at Boston, Sept. 7, and 8, empowering their Committee to adjourn said Convention from Oct. 26, to a further day, provided no returns from the Conventions at New Haven and Philadelphia shall be seasonably received, you are hereby notified that no returns have as yet come to the hands of said Committee, and that they have therefore thought best further to adjourn said Convention to Wednesday, the seventh day of December next, then to meet at Boston, at which time your attendance is requested.

I am, in behalf of said Committee,
your most humble servant,
S. Parker, *Chairman.*

Boston, Nov. 15, 1785.

By letters lately received from a member of the General Convention, held at Philadelphia Sept. 27th, we are informed that that Body has revised and altered the Liturgy and Offices of the Church so much that there is no possi-

bility of giving us an idea of them but by sending one of their new Prayer Books, which is now in the press, and shall be forwarded with the Journal of said Convention as soon as printed.

In consequence hereof, the Committee of Convention, held at Boston Sept. 7, have, by and with the advice of such of the members thereof as they have had an opportunity of consulting, agreed further to adjourn said Convention from December 7, to April 26, 1786, in order that we may be well apprized of the doings of the General Convention, and of the Bishop and Clergy of Connecticut, before we come to a final conclusion respecting the alterations proposed by our own Convention. Of this you will please to take notice, and govern yourself accordingly.

I am, in behalf of said Committee, your most
obedient and very humble servant,
S. PARKER.

1786.

Boston, April 27, 1786.

The gentlemen chosen to represent the several Episcopal Churches, in this and the neighboring States, in the Convention held at Boston Sept. 7, 1785, and which stood adjourned to Wednesday, April 26, 1786, were, most of them, by the stormy disagreeable weather, or some other causes, prevented from attending at said adjournment, by which means nothing could be transacted.

In consequence hereof, the Committee chosen at the last meeting have thought best further to adjourn said Convention to Thursday, July 20, being the day following the Commencement at Cambridge. At which time you are requested not to fail of giving your attendance, as matters of the greatest importance to the welfare of the

Church will then come under consideration, and the alterations in the Liturgy, proposed at the meeting of Sept. 7, last, be accepted or rejected.

I am, in behalf of said Committee, your most obedient and very humble servant,

S. PARKER.

At a Convention of the Clergy and Delegates of the Episcopal Church in the States of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, held at Boston, July 20, 1786, by several adjournments from Sept. 8, 1785.

There is no further record of the doings of this Convention; but reference is found to "An Act of Association proposed by the Clergy and Delegates of the Episcopal Church, met in Convention at Boston, July 20, 1786"— and other reference to its proceedings.

1787.

There is no record of any Journals of this year.

1788.

There is no record of Journals.

1789.

There is no record of Journals. But that a meeting of Presbyters of Massachusetts and New Hampshire was held in Salem, June 4, see the Journals of General Convention for this year, page 49, Bioren's Edition.

JOURNAL, 1790.

At a Convention of Clergy and Lay Deputies of the Protestant Episcopal Churches hereafter named, holden at Salem, in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, October the 5th, 1790, viz:

Clergy.

Rev. Edward Bass, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Rev. William Walter, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

Rev. William Willard Wheeler, A. M., Rector of St. Thomas's, Taunton; St. Andrew's, Scituate; and Trinity Church, Marshfield.

Rev. Nathaniel Fisher, A. M., Rector of St. Peters', Salem.

Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

Rev. Thomas Fitch Oliver, A. M., Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Rev. John Cousens Ogden, A. M., Rector of Queen's Chapel, Portsmouth, N. H.

Lay Deputies.

Hon. Tristram Dalton, Esq., and Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Mr. James Sherman, and Mr. Charles Williams, Christ Church, Boston.

Charles Stockbridge, Esq., St. Andrew's, Scituate, and Trinity, Marshfield.

Stephen Abbott, Esq., and Mr. Daniel Saunders, St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Mr. Henry Smith, and Mr. Oliver Smith, Trinity Church, Boston.

Samuel Sewall, Esq., and Mr. Woodward Abraham, St. Michael's, Marblehead.

Rev. Edward Bass, D. D., was chosen President.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., was chosen Secretary.

The Lay Deputies produced their several credentials, which were read and deemed satisfactory.

Resolved, That the Clergy and Laity, now assembled, shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote separately, and the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to every measure.

Resolved, That the Lay Deputies vote by Churches, but no Lay Deputy shall be permitted to have more than one vote.

The question was put, "Whether the Rev. John C. Ogden shall be admitted to a seat in this Convention, as a Lay Deputy from Queen's Chapel in Portsmouth, N. H.?" and after some debate thereon it was resolved in the negative.

The question was put, "Whether the Rev. John C. Ogden shall be admitted to a seat in this Convention, as Rector of Queen's Chapel?" and after some debate thereon, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rev. Dr. Walter, Rev. Dr. Bass, Rev. Mr. Fisher, Hon. Mr. Dalton, Mr. Stockbridge, and Mr. Tyng were appointed a Committee to frame a Plan of an Ecclesiastical Constitution for the Government of the Episcopal Churches

in this Commonwealth, and such other Churches as may be admitted and accede to the same, and report to the Convention as soon as may be.

The Convention adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning, then to assemble in St. Peter's Church in this town, and the Rev. Dr. Walter was requested to read prayers.

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, in St. Peter's Church.

The Rev. Dr. Walter read prayers, agreeably to the request of the Convention.

The Hon. David Cobb, Esq., appeared as Lay Deputy from St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, and produced his credentials, which were read and deemed satisfactory, and he took his seat in Convention accordingly.

The Rev. Dr. Walter, from the Committee appointed to frame a Constitution, reported that the Committee had made some progress in the business assigned them, and asked leave to sit again.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Dr. Walter, from the Committee appointed to frame a Constitution, reported a plan of an Ecclesiastical Constitution, which was read and considered by paragraphs, and, after sundry amendments, was unanimously approved, and is as follows, viz:

***Plan** of an Ecclesiastical Constitution for the Government of the Episcopal Churches in this Commonwealth, and such other Churches as may be admitted and accede to the same.*

1. A Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Churches who shall accede to this Constitution, to consist of the Clergymen of the said Churches, and one or more Deputies, not exceeding

three, being Laymen, to be chosen by each congregation, shall be held at Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May annually. But the time and place of meeting shall be subject to alteration by the Convention; and special meetings may be called at other times by the Bishop for the time being, and also in the manner herein-after provided.

2. A majority of the Clergy and of the Lay Deputies of the congregations adopting this Constitution shall be assembled before the Convention shall proceed to business; except that the members present shall have power to adjourn from day to day, not exceeding three days in the whole, and, if a majority shall not then be assembled, the members present may adjourn without day.

3. The Clergy and Lay Deputies in Convention shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote as two distinct orders; and the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to every measure.

4. Each congregation represented in Convention shall have one vote, and no Deputy shall represent more than one congregation.

5. In Convention, a person shall preside with the title of President; and when a Bishop shall be properly consecrated and settled in this Church, he shall be, by virtue of his office, a member of the Convention, and, when present, shall preside therein.

6. A Secretary shall be appointed by the Convention, removable at pleasure, who shall keep a fair record of the resolves and proceedings of the Convention, and have the same in his custody so long as he shall continue in office.

7. Standing Rules, for the orderly conducting of business, shall be established at the first meeting of the Convention.

8. Every Lay Deputy shall, previously to his admission to a seat in Convention, produce a testimonial of his appointment, subscribed by one or both of the Church Wardens or by the Clerk of the proprietors.

9. The Clergy who shall minister in this Church, shall consist of the three orders, of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons.

10. No Bishop shall ever be elected for this Church but at an annual meeting of the Convention; nor without three months

previous notice being given, of such election intended, by the Standing Committee; and every such election shall be by ballot.

11. The peculiar office of a Bishop consisting in the power of Ordination and Confirmation, and of superintending the Clergy of his Diocese, and of precedence in Ecclesiastical Assemblies, the same shall be accordingly so exercised in this Church.

12. No public censure shall be inflicted by the Bishop upon any Clergyman under his inspection, other than shall be directed by the institutions of this Church hereafter made in Convention.

13. No Clergyman shall hereafter be settled in any of the Churches who shall accede to this Constitution, until he shall produce sufficient testimonials of his having been regularly ordained by a Bishop.

14. No person shall be admitted to Holy Orders, until he shall produce to the Bishop satisfactory testimonials of his morals, piety, and prudent conversation, signed by three Clergymen at the least.

15. No person shall be admitted to Priests' Orders, until he shall have attained the age of twenty-four years, unless specially recommended thereto by the Convention; nor to Deacons' Orders, until he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years.

16. No Bishop of another Church shall exercise his Episcopal authority in this Church, unless in case of the vacancy thereof, or at the request of the Bishop of this Church; and then only to ordain and confirm; the former, in case of a vacancy, and the latter, by desire of the Clergyman and members of a particular Church.

17. The Standing Committee shall consist of three Clergymen and three Lay Deputies, to be elected by the Convention, who shall have the power mentioned in the tenth Article, and also power to call special meetings of the Convention, as they may think necessary, and to provide a suitable place for the assembling thereof; and no business shall be transacted at any special meeting of the Convention, other than such as shall be mentioned in the notification for such meeting.

18. This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any Article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention, nor un-

less such alteration shall have been proposed at least one meeting previous to its adoption.

By order,

W. WALTER, *Chairman.*

Unanimously

Resolved, That copies of the said plan of a Constitution be transmitted to the several Protestant Episcopal Churches in this Commonwealth, and in the States of New Hampshire and Rhode Island; and that it be and hereby is recommended to the Clergy of those Churches to attend, and to the congregations respectively to elect one or more Lay Deputies, to assemble, in Convention, to be holden at Boston, in the County of Suffolk, on the last Tuesday of January next; and that the said Deputies be authorized, in behalf of their respective congregations, to agree upon, and, by and with the consent of the said Clergy, who shall be then convened, to establish the said Constitution for the future Government of the said Churches.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary be and they hereby are requested to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Bass be requested to preach a Sermon at the opening of the proposed Convention in January next.

The Convention then adjourned without day.

Attest,

DUDLEY A. TYNG, *Secretary.*

Agreeably to the directions of the Convention, copies of the foregoing Constitution and resolve were sent to the following persons, viz:

Massachusetts.

1. Rev. Dr. Bass, and the Wardens of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

2. Rev. Dr. Walter, and Mr. James Sherman, Boston.
3. Rev. Dr. Parker, and Mr. Oliver Smith, Boston.
4. Rev. Mr. Wheeler, and Dr. Charles Stockbridge, Scituate.
5. Hon. David Cobb, Esq., Taunton.
6. Wardens of the Church in Bridgewater.
7. Wardens of the Church in Marshfield.
8. Wardens of the Church in Dedham.
9. Rev. Mr. Fisher, and Stephen Abbott, Esq., Salem.
10. Rev. Mr. Montague, Hon. Elbridge Gerry, Esq., and Jonathan Simpson, Esq., Cambridge.
11. Rev. Mr. Oliver, and Samuel Sewall, Esq., Marblehead.
12. Rev. Mr. Bostwick, Great Barrington, and Henry Van Schaack, Esq., Pittsfield.
13. Mr. Joseph Cleverly, Braintree.
14. John Waite, Esq., Portland.

New Hampshire.

15. Rev. Mr. Ogden, and George Turner, Esq., Portsmouth.
16. Rev. Mr. Blakely, Claremont.
17. Asa Porter, Esq., Haverhill.
18. Hon. John Sullivan, Esq., Durham.
19. Rev. Mr. Fowle, and Hon. Samuel Livermore, Esq., Holderness.

Rhode Island.

20. Rev. Mr. Badger, and Mr. Jere. Jenkins, Providence.
21. Mr. John Bours, Newport.
22. Rev. Mr. Smith, North Kingston.
23. Wardens of the Church in Bristol.

JOURNAL, 1791.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden in Trinity Church, at Boston, in the County of Suffolk, on Tuesday, the 25th day of January, 1791.

Members present: —

Clergy.

Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

Rev. Thomas F. Oliver, A. M., Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Rev. William Montague, A. M.

Lay Deputies.

Messrs. Richard Green, Henry Smith, and William Tudor, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston.

Samuel Sewall, Esq., St. Michael's, Marblehead.

Nathaniel F. Fosdick, Esq., St. Paul's, Portland.

Mr. James Sherman, Christ Church, Boston.

Dudley A. Tyng, Esq., and Mr. Lewis Jenkins, St. Paul's, Newburyport.

Rev. Mr. Oliver read prayers.

Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D., was chosen President.

Dudley A. Tyng, Esq., was chosen Secretary.

The Lay Deputies produced their credentials, which were read and deemed satisfactory.

On motion,

The proceedings of the Convention holden at Salem, in the County of Essex, the 5th and 6th of October last, were read.

The Convention then adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M., to meet at the President's house.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Joseph Warren, a Deacon of the Episcopal Church, now officiating at Cambridge, took his seat in the Convention.

The Convention then took into consideration the Ecclesiastical Constitution proposed by the Convention in October last, and, after some time spent thereon, the question was taken, "Shall the said Constitution be ratified and confirmed, for the future government of the Churches here represented, and such others as may hereafter accede to the same"? and the yeas and nays being called for, were as follows, viz:

Rev. Dr. Parker,		Yea.
Mr. Oliver,		Yea.
Mr. Montague,		Yea.
Mr. Warren,		Yea.
Mr. Green,	Yea.	Yea.
Mr. Smith,	Yea.	
Mr. Tudor,	Yea.	
Mr. Sewall,	Yea.	Yea.
Mr. Fosdick,	Yea.	Yea.
Mr. Sherman,		Yea.
Mr. Tyng,	Yea.	Yea.
Mr. Jenkins,	Yea.	

And so it passed unanimously in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the congregations not represented in this Convention, to whom a copy of the Constitution has been transmitted, be requested to signify their assent or dissent to the said Constitution, in writing, under the hands of their Wardens, and transmit the same to the Secretary or Committee of Convention to be chosen at this meeting; and that the Clergy in this Commonwealth and in the states of New Hampshire and Rhode Island be requested to do the same; and that the Clergy assenting to the said Constitution attend, and the congregations elect Deputies to represent them at the annual Convention, to be holden at Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May next.

Resolved, That it be and hereby is recommended to the several congregations who shall accede to the said Constitution and who shall elect Lay Deputies for the Convention in May next, to instruct such Deputies on the subject of adopting the Constitution and Form of Prayer set forth by the General Convention holden at Philadelphia in October, 1789.

Resolved, That it be and hereby is recommended to such congregations as may accede to the said Constitution, but shall not elect Lay Deputies for the said Convention in May next, to signify their opinions on the same subject, and transmit the same, in writing, to the Secretary or Committee of Convention.

Resolved, That the Secretary transmit copies of the foregoing resolutions to the Churches not here present.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Parker, Mr. Henry Smith, and Mr. Richard Green, be a Committee to receive communications from the several congregations, in the recess of the Convention, and to provide a suitable place for the assembling of the Convention in May next.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Bass be and he hereby is requested to preach a sermon at the opening of the Con-

vention in May next; and in case of his failure, the Rev. Dr. Parker is requested to officiate in his stead.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow, at 4 o'clock, P. M., to meet at the house of William Tudor, Esq.

Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1791, 4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention, that it is expedient that there be printed an edition of the alterations in the Service of the Church, contained in the Form of Prayer set forth by the General Convention.

Resolved, That the Committee chosen yesterday, be requested to procure the same to be printed, and to forward one copy to each congregation.

Resolved, That the Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D., and William Tudor, Esq., be a Committee, to write to the several Clergymen and congregations not here assembled and represented, earnestly requesting them, in the name of this Convention, to meet in Convention, in May next; and if they find it not convenient so to meet, that they be requested to forward the objections, if any they have, to the Ecclesiastical Constitution, to the said Committee.

The Convention then adjourned without day.

Attest,

DUDLEY A. TYNG, *Secretary.*

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden in Trinity Church, Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, Anno Domini, 1791, being the 24th day of the same month.

Members present:—

Clergy.

Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. William Montague, A. M.

Lay Deputies.

Hon. Tristram Dalton, Esq., and Dudley A. Tyng, Esq., St. Paul's, Newburyport.

Mr. Henry Smith, and William Tudor, Esq., Trinity, Boston.

Mr. James Sherman, and Mr. Charles Williams, Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Joseph Cleverly, Christ Church, Braintree.

The Rev. Dr. Parker read prayers.

The Rev. Dr. Bass preached, pursuant to the request of the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Bass was chosen President.

Dudley A. Tyng was chosen Secretary.

The Lay Deputies produced their credentials, which were read and deemed satisfactory.

The proceedings of the Convention holden in Boston, the 25th and 26th days of January last, were read.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Dr. Bass, for his excellent Sermon preached before the Convention this day.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Walter, and William Tudor, Esq., be a Committee to prepare Standing Rules for the orderly conducting of business in the Convention, pursuant to the seventh Article of the Constitution, and report as soon as may be.

A communication from the congregation of Christ Church in Braintree was received and read.

Whereupon,—

Resolved, That it appears to this Convention, that the said congregation has acceded to the Constitution.

The Convention assigned half past four o'clock, this afternoon, for taking into consideration the Constitution and Form of Prayer set forth by the General Convention, holden at Philadelphia in October, 1789.

Adjourned to four o'clock, this afternoon, then to meet at the house of the Rev. Dr. Parker.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Nathaniel Fisher, A. M., took his seat in Convention, and declared his assent to the Constitution.

The Hon. David Cobb, Esq., Lay Deputy from St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, took his seat in Convention.

The Committee appointed to prepare Rules for the orderly conducting of business in the Convention, reported the following, which were read and accepted, viz:

1. The President is to put all motions, but is not to vote, except when the votes are equally divided on any question, in which case he shall have the casting vote.

2. Every member shall address the President, in any debate or motion, and always standing.

3. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on one question, without special permission of the President.

4. The yeas and nays shall be taken on any question when five members shall request it.

Communications were received and read, from the congregations of St. Andrew's Church, Scituate, St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, and Trinity Church, Marshfield.

Whereupon,—

Resolved, That it appears to this Convention, that those congregations have acceded to the Constitution.

The Rev. William Willard Wheeler, A. M., took his seat in Convention, and declared his assent to the Constitution.

The Convention took into consideration the General Constitution, agreed on at Philadelphia in October, 1789, which was read and considered by paragraphs, and after some debate, the question was put, "Shall the said Constitution be adopted;" and the yeas and nays being called for by a sufficient number, were as follows, viz:

Yeas.	*Nays.*
Dr. Bass,	Mr. Wheeler,
Dr. Walter,	Mr. Fisher.—2.
Dr. Parker,	
Mr. Montague.—4.	
Mr. Cobb,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Tudor,	Mr. Tyng.—1.
Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Sherman,	
Mr. Williams.—3.	

And so it passed in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the Form of Prayer set forth by the General Convention, be adopted and used in this Church.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Walter, the Rev. Dr. Parker, and Mr. Tudor, be a Committee to prepare Standing Rules for the trying of Clergymen, and report at the next meeting of the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Walter, the Rev. Mr. Fisher, the Rev. Dr.

Parker, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Sherman, were elected a Standing Committee of Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Fisher was requested to preach a sermon at the opening of the Convention in May next; and in case of his failure, the Rev. Dr. Walter is requested to officiate in his stead.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Bass, Rev. Dr. Parker, and Rev. Mr. Fisher, be a Committee to confer with any Printers on the printing of an edition of the Common Prayer, this day adopted by the Convention; and, in case any Printer shall undertake it, the said Committee is requested to inspect the press.

The Convention then adjourned without day.

DUDLEY A. TYNG, *Secretary*.

JOURNAL, 1792.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, begun and holden in Trinity Church, Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, Anno Domini, 1792, being the 29th day of the same month.

Members present:

Clergy.

Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. Nathaniel Fisher, A. M.,
Rev. William Montague, A. M.,
Rev. William Harris, A. M.

Lay Deputies.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., and Hon. Jonathan Jackson, Esq., St. Paul's, Newburyport.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. Henry Smith, and William Tudor, Esq., Trinity, Boston.

Mr. James Sherman, Christ Church, Boston.

The Rev. Dr. Walter read prayers.

The Rev. Mr. Fisher preached, pursuant to the request of the Convention.

After service the Clergy and Lay Deputies met in the Vestry Room in Trinity Church.

The Rev. Dr. Bass was chosen President.

Henry Smith was chosen Secretary.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Fisher, for his excellent sermon preached before the Convention this day.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given to Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., for his services as Secretary to the Convention.

There not being a sufficient number of Lay Deputies present to proceed on business, adjourned to four o'clock, this afternoon, then to meet at the house of the Rev. Dr. Parker.

4 o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: —

Clergy.

Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. William Harris, A. M.

Lay Deputies.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., and Hon. Jonathan Jackson, Esq., St. Paul's, Newburyport.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. Henry Smith, and William Tudor, Esq., Trinity, Boston.

Mr. James Sherman, Christ Church, Boston.

Hon. David Cobb, Esq., St. Thomas's, Taunton.

The Lay Deputies produced their credentials, which were read and deemed satisfactory.

A certificate from the minister and Wardens of St. Andrew's, in Scituate, that Charles Stockbridge, Esq., was chosen a Lay Deputy for that Parish, was read; but he did not then appear.

Resolved, That the Secretary be desired to write to the Wardens of Christ Church, Braintree, to request that they will send a Lay Deputy to this Convention, on Thursday next, at 5 o'clock, in the afternoon, and that the Rev. Mr. Harris endeavor to have a Lay Deputy sent from Marblehead.

There being still a deficiency in the number of members present to proceed to business, adjourned to ten o'clock, to-morrow morning, then to meet at the house of the Rev. Dr. Parker.

In compliance with the above resolve, a letter was wrote and sent to the Wardens of Christ Church, Braintree, requesting them to send a Lay Deputy to this Convention, at five o'clock, on Thursday next, to meet at the house of William Tudor, Esq.

May 30th, 10 *o'clock, A. M.*

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present:—

Clergy.

Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.

Lay Deputies.

Mr. Richard Green, and Mr. Henry Smith, Trinity, Boston.

Which being an insufficient number to proceed to business, adjourned to five o'clock, to-morrow afternoon, then to meet at the house of William Tudor, Esq.

May 31*st*, 5 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present:—

Clergy.

Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.

Lay Deputies.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, and Hon. Jonathan Jackson, Esq., St. Paul's, Newburyport.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. Henry Smith, and William Tudor, Esq., Trinity, Boston.

Mr. James Sherman, Christ Church, Boston.

Hon. David Cobb, Esq., St. Thomas's, Taunton.

Charles Stockbridge, Esq., St. Andrew's, Scituate.

There not being a sufficient number of Clerical members present to proceed on business,

A question was put, whether the Standing Committee chosen in May last was now in being, and had power to act?—Resolved in the affirmative unanimously.

Resolved, by the members present, that the Standing Committee be desired to call a Convention of this Church on the Thursday after Commencement day, this year, and it is earnestly desired that the Clerical members will attend, and that the congregations will send Lay Deputies.

Resolved, That it is also requested of the Standing Committee, that in the notification for the meeting of said Convention, it be inserted that the business to be transacted at said meeting, is the choice of Delegates to attend at the General Convention, to be held at New York on the second Tuesday in September next; whether instructions be given to said Delegates respecting giving to the House of Bishops a full negative on the proceedings of

the other House;—and whether an alteration in the second article of the State Constitution will not be convenient, empowering the members who shall meet at the annual Convention, to proceed to business, a majority of either Order being present or not;—and to receive the reports of the several Committees chosen at the last annual Convention.

The members that were present then separated, and so this Convention is dissolved.

HENRY SMITH, *Secretary.*

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Concert Hall, in Boston, in pursuance of a notification from the Standing Committee of Convention, on the Thursday after Commencement day, being the 19th day of July, 1792.

Members present:—

Clergy.

Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. William Willard Wheeler, A. M.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. Thomas Fitch Oliver, A. M.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.

Lay Deputies.

Mr. James Sherman, Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Daniel Hubbard, and Mr. Henry Smith, Trinity Church, Boston.

James Apthorp, Esq., Christ Church, Quincy.

There not being a sufficient number of Lay Deputies present to proceed to business, agreeable to the Constitution of this Church, the members present adjourned to four o'clock, in the afternoon.

July 19th, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: —

Clergy.

Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. William Willard Wheeler, A. M.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. Thomas Fitch Oliver, A. M.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.

Lay Deputies.

Mr. James Sherman, Christ Church, Boston.

William Tudor, Esq., and Mr. Henry Smith, Trinity Church, Boston.

Hon. Jonathan Jackson, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

James Apthorp, Esq., Christ Church, Quincy.

There being still a deficiency in the number of Lay Deputies to proceed to business agreeable to the Constitution,

The following motion was made and seconded:

Whereas there has been two attempts to make a majority of the Episcopal Churches in Convention, agreeably to the second article of the Constitution, but said majority has at each time failed; and whereas there is business of consequence to be transacted at the present meeting, which cannot be postponed without great inconvenience; therefore, voted, that we proceed to transact said business, there

not being a full representation of the Lay Delegates notwithstanding.

Which being put, and the yeas and nays called for, were as follows:

Clergy.

Yeas.	*Nays.*
Rev. Dr. Bass,	Rev. Dr. Walter,
Rev. Dr. Parker,	Rev. Mr. Wheeler,
Rev. Mr. Gardiner.—3.	Rev. Mr. Oliver.—3.

Laity.

Mr. Sherman,	Mr. Jackson.—1.
Mr. Tudor, Ex Necessitate,	
Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Apthorp.—3.	

And so the motion was negatived.

It was then voted by the Clerical members present, that they will attend the annual Convention, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May next, and then proceed to business, whether there be a majority, agreeable to the second article in the Constitution, or not. The Lay members agreed to this vote on condition that they are chosen Delegates to attend that Convention.

The members then withdrew, and this Convention is dissolved.

HENRY SMITH, *Secretary.*

JOURNAL, 1793.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Concert Hall, in Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, Anno Domini, 1793, being the 28th day of the same month.

Members present: —

Clergy.

Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.

Lay Deputies.

Mr. James Sherman, Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. Henry Smith, and Capt. John Haskins, Trinity Church, Boston.

James Apthorp, Esq., Christ Church, Quincy.

Hon. Jonathan Jackson, and Mr. Lewis Jenkins, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

The Rev. Dr. Parker read prayers.

The Rev. Dr. Walter preached a sermon, pursuant to the request of Dr. Bass, in behalf of the Convention.

After sermon, the Clergymen and Lay Deputies met in the Vestry Room, and adjourned to four o'clock, in the afternoon, then to meet at Concert Hall.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present:

Clergy.

Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.

Lay Deputies.

Mr. James Sherman, Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. Henry Smith, and Capt. John Haskins, Trinity Church, Boston.

Hon. Jonathan Jackson, and Mr. Lewis Jenkins, St. Paul's Church, New-buryport.

The Rev. Dr. Bass was chosen President.

Henry Smith was chosen Secretary.

The Clergy and Lay Delegates present, considering the several attempts heretofore made to obtain a full representation of a majority of the whole number of Clergy and Churches who have acceded to the Constitution, and finding there is still a deficiency, do from necessity, agreeably to a vote passed at a former meeting, held in July last, resolve to proceed upon the design of their convening, the second article in the Constitution notwithstanding. Which being put, and the yeas and nays called for, it passed in the affirmative unanimously.

Resolved, That the second article in the Constitution be so amended, that in all future Conventions, holden under said Constitution, the members present at one o'clock, P. M., on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, shall be considered as fully competent to proceed on business, and may adjourn from day to day till the whole is completed—which was put, and the yeas and nays being called for, it passed unanimously in the affirmative.

Voted, That there be a Treasurer chosen to take charge of the money collected at the Convention.

Voted, That the senior Warden of Trinity Church be the Treasurer.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Dr. Walter, for his excellent sermon preached before the Convention this day.

The Rev. Dr. Bass, the Rev. Dr. Walter, the Rev. Dr. Parker, Mr. James Sherman, Mr. Henry Smith, and Mr. Lewis Jenkins, were elected the Standing Committee of this Convention.

Dr. Walter, as Chairman of the late Standing Committee, laid before the Convention, for their approbation or disapprobation, certain communications from St. Paul's Church at Narraganset to the Standing Committee, relating to recommending Dr. Walter C. Gardiner for the minister of said Church,—which were approved, and the papers ordered to lie upon the files; and said Church was voted to be a part of this Constitution.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Parker be desired to preach a sermon before the Convention at their next annual meeting.

And then the Convention adjourned without day.

HENRY SMITH, *Secretary.*

JOURNAL, 1794.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Concert Hall, in Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, Anno Domini, 1794, being the 27th day of the same month.

Members present: —

Clergy.

Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. William Montague, A. M.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.

Lay Deputies.

Mr. James Sherman, Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. Henry Smith, and Mr. John Haskins, Trinity Church, Boston.

The Lay Deputies produced their credentials, which were deemed satisfactory.

A certificate was received by the Secretary from the Wardens of St. Andrew's Church, Scituate, that they had chosen Charles Stockbridge, Esq., a Lay Deputy for that Church, but he did not appear.

The Rev. Dr. Walter read prayers in Trinity Church.

The Rev. Dr. Parker preached a sermon, pursuant to the request of the Convention.

After sermon, the Clergy and Lay Deputies met in the Vestry Room.

The Rev. Dr. Bass was chosen President.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Dr. Parker, for his excellent sermon delivered this day.

The Convention then adjourned to four o'clock, in the afternoon, then to meet at Concert Hall.

4 o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Members present:—

Clergy.

Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. William Montague, A. M.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.

Lay Deputies.

Mr. James Sherman, Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. Henry Smith, and Mr. John Haskins, Trinity Church, Boston.

Henry Smith was chosen Secretary.

The Rev. Dr. Bass, the Rev. Dr. Walter, the Rev. Dr. Parker, Charles Stockbridge, Esq., Mr. James Sherman, and Mr. Richard Green, were elected the Standing Committee of this Convention.

Mr. Richard Green was chosen Treasurer.

Voted, That as the Wardens of Trinity Church, Boston, acknowledge that the sum of four pounds and four pence was collected at the last Convention, the same shall be accounted for by the Treasurer.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to take under consideration the communications from the Convention of Rhode Island, and to return such answer as they think requisite.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be the Committee for the above purpose.

Voted, That this Convention adopt the address of the General Convention, that a contribution be made once a year, to be appropriated for the propagation of the Gospel in such places as are not able to support a Minister among themselves.

Voted, That each Minister appoint the day on which the contribution be made in his Church.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Parker be the Treasurer, unto whom all such contributions be paid.

Voted, That the Standing Committee, three months previous to the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, 1795, write circulary letters to all the Churches in this State, and to the Clergy of said Churches, that at the annual Convention, on said last Tuesday in May, the Convention propose to take into consideration the election of a Bishop to preside over the Churches in this Commonwealth, and should there be a vote to proceed to said election, to elect one accordingly.

Voted, That the Rev. William Willard Wheeler be desired to preach a sermon before the Convention at their next annual meeting.

The Convention then adjourned without day.

HENRY SMITH, *Secretary*.

The Rev. Dr. Walter read prayers at Trinity Church.

The Rev. Dr. Parker preached a sermon, as the Rev. Mr. Wheeler did not attend agreeably to the vote of the last Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Bass was chosen President.

Henry Smith was chosen Secretary.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Dr. Parker, for his excellent sermon delivered this day.

The Convention then adjourned to four o'clock, in the afternoon, then to meet at Concert Hall.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met at Concert Hall according to adjournment.

Members present: —

Clergy.

Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. William Montague, A. M.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.,
Rev. Joseph Warren, A. M.

Lay Deputies.

Doct. Thomas Kast, Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. Henry Smith, and William Tudor, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston.

Ebenezer Miller, Esq., Christ Church, Quincy.

Mr. Elisha Ford, Trinity Church, Marshfield.

Mr. Oliver Mills, Christ Church, Dedham.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

The Lay Deputies produced satisfactory credentials, except Mr. Tyng, he having omitted bringing his with him,

he engaged that they should be sent to the Secretary, to lay on file, and was admitted.

Voted, That the proceedings of the Convention held in May, 1793, in respect of the second article in the Constitution of this Church, although a minority, be ratified.

Voted, That Delegates be sent to the General Convention, to be holden at Philadelphia, in September next.

Voted, That one Clerical, and one Lay Delegate be chosen.

The Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D., was chosen Clerical Delegate.

William Tudor, Esq., was chosen Lay Delegate.

Voted, That a Committee be chosen to devise ways and means for defraying the expenses of the Delegates attending the General Convention, and to report at the next Convention.

Voted, That the Committee consist of three, and that Mr. Richard Green, Doct. Thomas Kast, and Ebenezer Miller, Esq., be the said Committee.

Voted, That the proceedings of the Standing Committee, in regard to giving notice of the election of a Bishop, was regular.

Voted, That at the present time it is inexpedient to come to an election of a Bishop, but that three months before the next annual Convention, the Standing Committee for the time being, shall write circular letters to all the Churches in this Commonwealth, and to the Clergy of said Churches, that at the said annual Convention, to be holden in Boston on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May next, the Convention propose to take into consideration the election of a Bishop to preside over the Churches in this Commonwealth; and should there be a vote to proceed to said election, to elect one accordingly.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Bass, the Rev. Dr. Parker, the

Rev. Mr. Montague, Ebenezer Miller, Esq., Mr. Oliver Mills of Needham, and Mr. Richard Green, be a Standing Committee of this Convention for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Montague be desired to preach a sermon before this Convention at their next annual meeting.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Gardiner be desired, that, if the Rev. Mr. Montague should not be able to attend the next Convention, he will preach a sermon before the Convention, in his stead.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned without day.

HENRY SMITH, *Secretary*.

JOURNAL, 1796.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Concert Hall, in Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, Anno Domini, 1796, being the 24th day of the same month.

Members present:—

Clergy.

Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. William Willard Wheeler, A. M.,
Rev. Nathaniel Fisher, A. M.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. William Montague, A. M.,
Rev. Joseph Warren, A. M.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.,
Rev. William Harris, A. M.,
Rev. Daniel Burhans, A. M.

Lay Deputies.

Perez Morton, Esq., and Mr. William Walter, Jr., Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Richard Green, and Mr. Henry Smith, Trinity Church, Boston.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Samuel Sewall, Esq., St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Ebenezer Miller, Esq., Christ Church, Quincy.

Mr. George Clark, Christ Church, Dedham.

Mr. William Bradley, St. Luke's Church, Lanesboro'.

The Rev. Mr. Gardiner read prayers at Trinity Church.

The Rev. Mr. Montague preached a sermon, pursuant to the request of the Convention; and, after service, in the Vestry Room, the Rev. Dr. Bass was chosen President.

Henry Smith was was chosen Secretary.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Montague, for his very useful sermon, delivered this day.

The Convention then adjourned to four o'clock, in the afternoon, then to meet at Concert Hall.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met at Concert Hall, according to adjournment.

Members present:—

Clergy.

Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. William Willard Wheeler, A. M.,
Rev. Nathaniel Fisher, A. M.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. William Montague, A. M.,
Rev. Joseph Warren, A. M.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.,
Rev. William Harris, A. M.,
Rev. Daniel Burhans, A. M.

Lay Deputies.

Doct. Thomas Kast, Perez Morton, Esq., and William Walter, Jr., Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. Henry Smith, and William Tudor, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Samuel Sewall, St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Ebenezer Miller, Esq., Christ Church, Quincy.

Mr. George Clark, Christ Church, Dedham.

Mr. William Bradley, St. Luke's Church, Lanesboro'.

The Rev. Mr. Burhans, of Lanesboro', declared his assent to the Constitution of this Church, and took his seat in the Convention.

Mr. Bradley was objected to as a Delegate, but it was voted, that he be desired to attend and deliberate without voting; it not appearing to the Convention, the congregation he represents had acceded to the Constitution.

The other Delegates produced their credentials, which were read and deemed satisfactory, except Mr. Sewall, who was admitted to a seat on condition that he would send his credentials to the Secretary, to lay on file.

The Rev. Dr. Parker declared the reasons why he and Mr. Tudor did not attend the General Convention at Philadelphia in September last, which were voted to be satisfactory.

Mr. Richard Green, of the Committee appointed at the last Convention to devise ways and means for defraying the expenses of Delegates attending the General Convention, gave his reasons why he had not called a meeting of that Committee.

A motion was put, that each Church is entitled by the Constitution to one vote only in their Clerical Representation, and one vote only in their Lay Delegation,—which was negatived.

Voted, That no Clergyman be entitled to more than one vote.

It was moved and seconded, that a vote be taken, whether it is expedient at this time to come to the election of a Bishop; which being put, it was carried in the affirmative, by the Clerical members, all but Mr. Fisher—by the Lay Deputies unanimously.

A vote being called for by ballot, for a Bishop elect, there appeared seven votes of Clerical members, and six votes of the Laity, (the latter being unanimous,) for the Rev. Edward Bass, D. D., and he was accordingly chosen Bishop elect.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to present a memorial to the Supreme Executive, that a Fast be not appointed for the future in Easter week; and that the said Committee consist of two of the Clergy and one of the Laity.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Walter, the Rev. Dr. Parker, and Perez Morton, Esq., be the Committee for the foregoing purpose.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Walter, the Rev. Dr. Parker, the Rev. Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Henry Smith, Perez Morton, Esq., and Ebenezer Miller, Esq., be a Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

Voted, That if there be no Bishop here at the next Convention, that the Rev. Mr. Gardiner be desired to preach a sermon before the Convention; and, in case he cannot attend, the Rev. Mr. Harris is desired to preach in his stead.

The Convention then adjourned without day.

HENRY SMITH, *Secretary*.

At a Special Meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at the Boston Library, on Wednesday, the 14th day of September, 1796, pursuant to a notification of the Standing Committee.

Members present: —

Clergy.

Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.

Lay Deputies.

Mr. Richard Green, Trinity Church, Boston.

Perez Morton, Esq., and William Walter, Jr., Christ Church, Boston.

Ebenezer Miller, Esq., Christ Church, Quincy.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., was chosen Secretary, pro tempore.

The Rev. Dr. Walter was chosen President.

The following communication from the Rev. Dr. Bass, Bishop elect of this Church, being read,—

Voted, That the same be recorded by the Secretary.

Newburyport, Sept. 8, 1796.

Reverend and Honored,—When you elected me your Bishop, I declined accepting your choice, in which I was perfectly sincere and as much in earnest as ever I was in my life. It was a surprise upon me, a thing totally unexpected as well as undesired. Since that time so many things have been said to me by various people, urging me

to comply with your election, and having duly considered our critical situation, the altercations, and the contrariety of opinions and sentiments at our late Convention, tending to delay, for how long God knows, if not entirely to prevent the organization of our Church, I think myself bound in duty to acquiesce, and to make a beginning in this business, which it is probable, according to the course of nature, I shall shortly quit, and leave the election of a successor more easy. I suppose I must, in consequence of this my determination, proceed to Philadelphia, which will make it necessary for me to be furnished not only with your credentials but also with the *unum necessarium* for travelling. If I must go this journey, I should choose to set out as early as possible, perhaps the day after the first Sunday of the next month; and must beg the favor of you, Gentlemen, to learn from Bishop White whether I may depend upon the other Bishops.

I remain, with all due regards, your faithful,
affectionate brother, and humble servant,

EDWARD BASS.

The Members of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The members present proceeded to subscribe the Testimonial required by the second Canon of 1789.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Walter, the Rev. Dr. Parker, and Mr. Tyng, be a Committee to procure the sum of two hundred dollars, to be raised by subscription, for the purpose of defraying the expense of the Rev. Dr. Bass' journey to Philadelphia.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Walter, Rev. Dr. Parker, and Rev. Mr. Gardiner, be a Committee to write to the Right Reverend the Bishops of Pennsylvania, New York, and Maryland, requesting them to be present at Philadelphia, on the fourth Sunday of October next, for the purpose of

consecrating the Rev. Edward Bass, D. D., to the holy office of Bishop of this Church.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Parker be requested to procure the Testimonial to be subscribed by the absent members of the Convention.

The Convention then adjourned *sine die*.

JOURNAL, 1797.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Concert Hall, in Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, Anno Domini, 1797, being the 30th day of the same month.

Present: —

Clerical Members.

The Right Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. William Montague, A. M.,
Rev. William Harris, A. M.,
Rev. Daniel Burhans, A. M.

Lay Delegates.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Mr. Thomas Kast, Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. Henry Smith, and Stephen Higginson, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston.

Mr. George Clark, Christ Church, Dedham.

Mr. Abel Alleyne, Christ Church, Quincy.

Azariah Egleston, Esq., Episcopal Society in Lenox.

Mr. Stoddard Williams, St. Luke's Church, Lanesboro'.

The Lay Delegates produced their credentials, which were deemed satisfactory.

A communication from the Episcopal Society in Lenox was received and read, whereupon,

Resolved, That it appears to this Convention, that the said Society has acceded to the Constitution.

A communication from the congregation of St. Luke's Church in Lanesboro' was also received and read, whereupon,

Resolved, That it appears to this Convention, that the said congregation has acceded to the Constitution.

The Rev. Dr. Walter read prayers in Trinity Church.

The Right Rev. Dr. Bass preached a sermon before the Convention.

After service the Convention met in the Vestry Room.

Henry Smith was chosen Secretary.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Right Rev. Dr. Bass, for his excellent sermon delivered before them this day.

The Convention then adjourned to four o'clock, in the afternoon, then to meet at Concert Hall.

4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met at Concert Hall, according to adjournment.

Present:—

Clerical Members.

The Right Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. William Montague, A. M.,
Rev. William Harris, A. M.,
Rev. Daniel Burhans, A. M.

Lay Delegates.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Doct. Thomas Kast, Perez Morton, Esq., and Mr. William Walter, Jr., Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. Henry Smith, and Stephen Higginson, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston.

Mr. George Clark, Christ Church, Dedham.

Mr. Abel Alleyne, Christ Church, Quincy.

Mr. Stoddard Williams, St. Luke's Church, Lanesboro'.

Azariah Egleston, Esq., Episcopal Society, Lenox.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Walter, the Rev. Dr. Parker, the Rev. Mr. Harris, Perez Morton, Esq., Stephen Higginson, Esq., and Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., be a Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

Resolved, That at the next annual Convention, it be made a subject of consideration, that the Constitution be so far amended, that it be made part thereof, that there be annually chosen a council of advice to the Bishop, which shall consist of three members of the Clergy, whose opinions he may consult on all important occasions in the course of his duty.

Voted, That the Bishop may, if he sees fit, during the course of the present year, consult and advise with the three Clerical members of the Standing Committee on all important occasions touching his duty.

The Rev. Dr. Walter, Chairman of the Committee appointed to present a memorial to the Supreme Executive, that a Fast be not appointed in Easter week, reported that the Committee had presented the memorial accordingly; whereupon it was

Voted, That Dr. Walter furnish the Secretary with a copy of the memorial, and that the same be recorded on the journals of this Convention.

Voted, That the Bishop be requested, as soon as may be consistent with his other duties, to procure from the several ministers within his Diocese, a correct account of the respective Churches under their charge, together with the number of families in each, and that the same be, from time to time, recorded by the Secretary of this Convention.

Voted, That the proceedings of the Induction of the Bishop be recorded in the journals of this Convention.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Walter, and the Rev. Dr. Parker be a Committee to prepare an arrangement of the proceedings of the Bishop's Induction, and deliver it to the Secretary to record.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Gardiner be desired to preach a sermon before this Convention at their next annual meeting.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Harris be desired, that, if the Rev. Mr. Gardiner be not able to attend the next annual Convention, he will preach a sermon before the Convention in his stead.

The Convention was then adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY SMITH, *Secretary*.

Copy of a Memorial presented to the Supreme Executive by a Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, furnished the Secretary by the Rev. Dr. Walter.

To His Excellency Samuel Adams, Esq., Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Honorable Council:—

The Memorial of William Walter, Samuel Parker, and Perez Morton, a Committee of the Protestant Episcopal

Churches in the Commonwealth aforesaid, appointed at their last General Convention,

Humbly sheweth,—

That the principles and practices immemorial of our Church have been to consider the six weeks preceding Easter every year, as a season of humiliation in commemoration of the sufferings and death of the divine Redeemer of man, and the week following Easter Sunday every year, as a festival week, or week of rejoicing in commemoration of the triumphs of the Redeemer over all his enemies and sealing the truth of his religion by rising from the dead.

In consequence of which immemorial usage, it is deemed a matter of grievance when the day of general fasting is appointed in the festival week aforesaid, as has been done in one instance by your Excellency with the advice of Council, and in others by some of your predecessors in office.

We do not presume to say that it has been done with any intention to wound the feelings of so many of the citizens of this Commonwealth as compose the body of the Protestant Episcopalians: we rather presume it has happened through inattention; and our aim in this memorial is merely, with all suitable deference, to request, in behalf of our constituents, that your Excellency and Honors, in all future appointments of this kind, so long as you may be called to discharge the supreme executive office of this Commonwealth, will be pleased to avoid that season which we and the fathers of our Church have uniformly considered as a season of rejoicing.

Relying on your Excellency's and your Honors' well known attachment to the rights of the citizens of this Commonwealth of every denomination, we have ventured thus freely to express our wishes, and we remain with

every sentiment of respect, your most obedient and very faithful servants.

(Signed)

W. WALTER, S. PARKER, P. MORTON. } *Committee Pr. Ep. Ch. Massachusetts.*

Boston, Jan., 1797.

Proceedings of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in receiving the Right Rev. Edward Bass, D. D., their first Bishop:—

The Clergy and Lay Delegates of the several Churches in the Commonwealth being assembled at Trinity Church, (in Boston,) on Tuesday, the 30th of May, 1797, being the day of their annual Convention; the Delegates being seated in the front pews in the Church, the Clergy conducted the Bishop, clothed in his Episcopal robes, from the Vestry-room to the Altar, where he took his seat on the north side, the Clergy standing in front. The Rev. Dr. Parker ascended to the south side, and turning to the congregation, read the vote of the Convention at their annual meeting, 1796, making choice of the Rev. Dr. Edward Bass for their Bishop, and the Bishop elect's answer of acceptance in the words following:—

Newburyport, Sept. 8, 1796.

REVEREND AND HONORED,—When you elected me your Bishop, I declined accepting your choice, in which I was perfectly sincere and in earnest, as it was a matter surprising to me, totally unexpected, as well as undesired. Since that time many arguments have been used by my friends urging me to comply with your election, and having duly considered our critical situation and the want of a due organization of our Church, I think myself in duty bound

to acquiesce, and to make a beginning of this business, which it is probable, according to the course of nature, I shall shortly quit, and leave the election of a successor more easy. I presume I must, in consequence of this determination, proceed to Philadelphia, which will make it necessary to be furnished with your credentials, and an arrangement made to convene a college of Bishops.

I remain, with all due regards, your faithful,
affectionate brother, and humble servant,

EDWARD BASS.

The Members of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

He then proceeded to read the testimonials given by the officiating Bishops at Philadelphia of the Consecration of the Right Rev. Edward Bass, as follows:—

Know all men by these presents, that we, William White, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, presiding Bishop, Samuel Provoost, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New York, and Thomas John Clagget, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Maryland, under the protection of Almighty God, in Christ Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on Sunday, the seventh day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, being the third Sunday after Easter, did then and there rightly and canonically consecrate our beloved in Christ, Edward Bass, Rector of St. Paul's Church, in Newburyport, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the faith, and purity of manners, we were fully ascertained, into the office of Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to which the said Edward Bass hath been elected by the Convention of said State.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names, and caused our seals to be affixed. Given in the city of Philadelphia, this seventh day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

WILLIAM WHITE, (Seal.)
SAMUEL PROVOOST, (Seal.)
THOMAS JOHN CLAGGET, (Seal.)

Dr. Parker then descended and joined the other Clergy, upon which the Rev. Dr. Walter advanced within the rails, and delivered to the Bishop the following address:—

RIGHT REVEREND SIR,—It having pleased the Divine Wisdom, in condescension to the wishes and prayers of that portion of the Protestant Episcopal Church which is planted in this Commonwealth, to place an Episcopate at its head, and thereby, for the first time, to give to it a complete organization, we felicitate our brethren and ourselves that this appointment has fallen on one who possesses in so eminent a degree the requisites which inspiration points as essential in one who is to fill so important a station, one who excels in meekness, gentleness, gravity, justice, purity, and ardent piety, a lover of God and good men, tenacious of and zealous for the truths that we are to be taught, one who is reaching forth and advancing fast towards the heavenly prize, the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, and both by his exhortations and example leading the flock committed to his charge in the same joyful and happy track. For ourselves, we receive you with exultation as our common friend and father, and engage to render you all that affectionate respect and submissive attention which is due to your place and rank, and flatter ourselves that beneath your parental care we shall be united as a band of brothers, and walking together in peaceful fellowship, shall have the great pleasure to see

our Church, the Church of the Redeemer, increase and multiply.

Long may you possess your honors; long may we enjoy your presence; and late, very late, may He who holds the keys of the invisible world remove you from this seat of dignity on earth to a seat of eminence proportionate among the spirits of the just made perfect in the kingdom of his Father.

In the name and by order of the Convention.

W. WALTER.

Boston, May 30, 1797.

To which the Bishop, standing, delivered this affectionate answer:—

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—It is with much pleasure that I meet you upon this occasion, especially as it gives me an opportunity of congratulating with you upon the complete organization of our Church. God Almighty grant it may grow up into Him in all things, which is the Head even Christ: from whom the whole body, fitly joined together, and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body, unto the edifying of itself in love. Eph. iv. 15, 16.

I thank you for your affectionate address; and as for the favorable expressions in it concerning me, so much beyond what I have any pretensions to, the use I shall make of them will be to remind myself of what I ought to be—thoroughly sensible of my incompetency for the important station in the Church which you have assigned me, I shall greatly rely on your advice and assistance upon all occasions, as the exigence of cases may require.

In our endeavors to promote the interest of the Church of Christ in this Diocese, something will depend upon me, and much, Reverend Brethren, upon you; and, give me

leave to observe, that much also will depend upon our brotherly correspondence and cordial harmony and agreement among ourselves. Besides the great pleasure of living together in unity, it will be holding forth a good example to others, and it is enjoined upon us, that we be examples to the flock. That our united efforts may be happily successful, for the edification of the Church and rendering it truly respectable and flourishing, shall ever be the wish and prayer of your faithful servant and affectionate brother. E. B.

The Clergy then retired to their respective seats, and divine service was performed. The Rev. Dr. Walter read prayers. After prayers and a well adapted psalm being sung, the Right Rev. the Bishop passed from the Altar to the Pulpit, and delivered a very excellent sermon on the necessary dependence of good morals on sound religion, or the fear of God. The sermon being ended and the blessing pronounced, the Bishop, the Clergy, and Delegates returned to the Vestry Room, and proceeded to the usual business of the Convention.

JOURNAL, 1798.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Concert Hall, in Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, Anno Domini, 1798, being the 29th day of the same month.

Present: —

Clerical Members.

The Right Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. William Harris, A. M.
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.
Rev. Joseph Warren, A. M.

Lay Delegates.

Mr. George Bright, and Mr. Perez Morton, Esq., Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. Henry Smith, and Stephen Higginson, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston.

Mr. Abel Alleyne, Christ Church, Quincy.

The Lay Delegates produced satisfactory credentials.

The Rev. Mr. Harris read prayers.

The Rev. Mr. Gardiner preached a sermon before the Convention.

After service, the Convention met in the Vestry Room.

Henry Smith was chosen Secretary.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Gardiner for his ingenious discourse delivered before them this day.

The Convention then adjourned to four o'clock, in the afternoon, then to meet at Concert Hall.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met at Concert Hall, according to adjournment.

Present: —

Clerical Members.

The Right Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. William Harris, A. M.
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.,
Rev. Joseph Warren, A. M.

Lay Delegates.

Mr. George Bright, Doct. Thomas Kast, and Perez Morton, Esq., Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. Henry Smith, and Stephen Higginson, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston.

Mr. Abel Alleyne, Christ Church, Quincy.

Voted, That the Constitution be so far amended, that there be a new article added thereto, in the words and sense following, to wit: In order to aid the Bishop in the discharge of the duties of his office, there shall be annually chosen a Council of Advice, consisting of three Clergymen, to whom the Bishop may resort for their opinion and advice whenever he shall think it expedient, and it

shall be the duty of such Council, upon such application, to give him their best advice, in writing if required, on all subjects submitted to them by the Bishop.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Walter, the Rev. Dr. Parker, and the Rev. Mr. Gardiner, Stephen Higginson, Esq., Perez Morton, Esq., and Mr. Henry Smith, be a Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Walter, the Rev. Dr. Parker, and the Rev. Mr. Harris, be a Council of Advice to the Bishop for the year ensuing.

Voted, That three Clerical members and three Lay Delegates be chosen to attend the General Convention at Philadelphia in September next.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Walter, the Rev. Dr. Parker, and the Rev. Mr. Burhans, be the three Clerical members, and that Stephen Higginson, William Tudor, and Perez Morton, Esquires, be the three Lay Delegates to attend the General Convention at Philadelphia in September next.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Harris be desired to preach a sermon before this Convention at their next annual meeting.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Warren be desired, that, if the Rev. Mr. Harris be not able to attend the next annual Convention, he will preach a sermon before the Convention in his stead.

Voted, That a Committee be chosen to raise, by subscription, money to defray the expenses of the Bishop and Clerical members to the General Convention, to consist of three.

Voted, That Messrs. Richard Green, George Bright, and Henry Smith be the Committee for the purpose mentioned in the last foregoing vote.

The Convention then adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY SMITH, *Secretary*.

JOURNAL, 1799.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Concert Hall, in Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, Anno Domini, 1799, being the 28th day of the same month.

Present:—

Clerical Members.

The Right Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. William Montague, A. M.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.,
Rev. William Harris, A. M.,
Rev. Daniel Burhans, A. M.

Lay Delegates.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. Henry Smith, and Stephen Higginson, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

The Rev. Mr. Burhans read prayers, in Trinity Church.

The Rev. Mr. Harris preached a sermon before the Convention.

After sermon the Convention met in the Vestry Room.

Henry Smith was chosen Secretary.

The Convention then adjourned to four o'clock, in the afternoon, then to meet at Concert Hall.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met at Concert Hall, according to adjournment.

Present: —

Clerical Members.

The Right Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. William Montague, A. M.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.
Rev. William Harris, A. M.,
Rev. Daniel Burhans, A. M.

Lay Delegates.

Dr. Thomas Kast, and Perez Morton, Esq., Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. Henry Smith, and Stephen Higginson, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston.

Ebenezer Miller, Esq., Christ Church, Quincy.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Samuel Sewall, Esq., St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

The Lay Delegates produced their credentials, which were read and deemed satisfactory, except Mr. Tyng, who was admitted to a seat on condition that he will furnish the Secretary with his credentials, to lay on file.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Harris, for his very excellent and learned discourse delivered before them this day.

The following communication from the Bishop was then read and ordered to be recorded in the journals of this Convention.

To the Clerical and Lay Delegates of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to be holden at Boston, on the last Tuesday in May, 1799 :—

Reverend and Beloved,—The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Churches of the United States, which was to have been holden in Philadelphia in September last, having been prevented by the distressing calamities with which an all-wise Providence permitted the city of Philadelphia and other towns and cities to be visited at that time, the Bishops of the several States having thought proper to call a special Convention, to be holden at the city of Philadelphia, on the second Tuesday in June next, I therefore propose to you the expediency of choosing Clerical and Lay Delegates to attend at said Convention.

(Signed) Edward Bass.

Voted, That this Convention proceed to the choice of four Clerical and four Lay Delegates, to attend at the special Convention, to be holden at Philadelphia on the second Tuesday in June next.

Voted, That the choice be by a hand vote.

Voted, That the Rev. William Walter, D. D., the Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D., the Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M., and the Rev. Daniel Burhans, A. M., be the four Clerical members to attend the special General Convention, to be holden at Philadelphia on the second Tuesday in June next, being the 11th day of the same month.

Voted, That Stephen Higginson, William Tudor, Samuel Sewall, and Perez Morton, Esquires, be the four Lay

Delegates to attend at the above-mentioned special Convention.

Voted, That the Delegates that shall attend the special Convention, be instructed to make application to the General Convention, that a form of Prayer be composed to be used by the Episcopal Churches in the United States on those days which the President of the United States may recommend to be observed as days of humiliation, fasting, and prayer.

Voted, That they also be instructed to move that the second article in the Constitution be taken into a new and more intelligible draught, and in such a manner as to include the proposed amendment.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Walter, the Rev. Dr. Parker, the Rev. Mr. Harris, Mr. Richard Green, Perez Morton, Esq., and Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., be a Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Walter, the Rev. Dr. Parker, and the Rev. Mr. Harris, be a Council of Advice to the Bishop for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the next annual Convention, instead of being held on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, be held in Boston on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in June.

Voted, That a Committee be chosen to get the Constitution of this Church printed, with such alterations and general Rules of Convention, and be added to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, if any such are printed, and sent to all the Churches in this State.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Parker, Mr. Higginson, and the Rev. Mr. Gardiner, be a Committee to carry the (last) foregoing vote into execution.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Burhans be desired to preach

a sermon before this Convention at their next annual meeting.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Walter be desired, that, if the Rev. Mr. Burhans be not able to attend the next annual Convention, he will preach a sermon before the Convention in his stead.

The Convention was then dissolved.

HENRY SMITH, *Secretary.*

JOURNAL, 1800.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at the Library in Franklin Place, Boston, on the Tuesday following the first Monday in June, Anno Domini, 1800, being the 3d day of the same month.

Present: —

Clerical Members.

The Right Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.,
Rev. William Harris, A. M.

Lay Delegates.

Doct. Thomas Kast, Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Richard Green, and Mr. Henry Smith, Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. Dr. Parker read prayers, in Trinity Church.

The Rev. Dr. Walter preached a sermon before the Convention.

After sermon, the Convention met in the Vestry Room, and adjourned to half past four o'clock, P. M., then to meet at the Library in Franklin Place.

Half past four o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met at the Library in Franklin Place, according to adjournment.

Present this afternoon : —

Clerical Delegates.

The Right Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. William Walter, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.
Rev. William Harris, A. M.

Lay Delegates.

Dr. Thomas Kast, and Perez Morton, Esq., Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. Henry Smith, and Stephen Higginson, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Henry Smith was chosen Secretary.

The Lay Delegates produced their credentials, which were read and deemed satisfactory, except Mr. Tyng, who was admitted to a seat on promising to furnish the Secretary with his credentials for this and the last Convention, to lay on file.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Dr. Walter, for his very pathetic and ingenious discourse delivered before them this day.

Voted, That the money collected this day shall be at the disposal of the Convention. Amount, $14,07.

Mr. Richard Green was chosen Treasurer.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Dr. Walter, for his polite information that he had subscribed for forty copies of the Journal of the proceed-

ings of the last General Convention, which he intends as a present to this Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Parker reported, from the Committee chosen at the last Convention "to get the Constitution of this Church printed, with such alterations and general Rules of Convention, and be added to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, if any such are printed, and sent to the several Churches in this State," that they could not act in the business for want of the information they expected, the Journals of the last General Convention not having come to hand in season.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Parker, Stephen Higginson, Esq., and the Rev. Mr. Gardiner, the Committee chosen at the last Convention, be continued a Committee for the same purpose.

Voted, That a Standing Committee be chosen.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Walter, the Rev. Dr. Parker, the Rev. Mr. Harris, Perez Morton, Esq., Mr. Richard Green, and Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., be a Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

Voted, That a Council for the Bishop be chosen.

Voted, That the Council consist of three.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Walter, the Rev. Dr. Parker, and the Rev. Mr. Gardiner, be a Council of Advice to the Bishop for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Parker be desired to preach a sermon before the annual Convention the next year.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Gardiner be desired, that, in case Dr. Parker be prevented from preaching on that day, he will preach a sermon in his stead.

Voted, That for the future this Convention shall be held on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, agreeably to the article in the Constitution, until altered by the Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Walter, from the Standing Committee, reported their proceedings relative to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Uzal Ogden, which were approved by the Convention.

The Convention was then dissolved.

HENRY SMITH. *Secretary.*

JOURNAL, 1801.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Trinity Church, in Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, Anno Domini, 1801, being the 28th day of the same month, where the Rev. Mr. Gardiner read prayers, and the Rev. Doct. Parker preached a sermon: after service the Convention assembled in the Vestry Room.

Present:—

Clerical Members.

The Right Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. William Harris, A. M.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.

Lay Delegates.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. George Deblois, and Mr. Stephen Higginson, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston.

Dr. Thomas Kast, Christ Church, Boston.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Mr. Jenks, reader, from Cambridge.

George Deblois was chosen Secretary.

The Lay Delegates produced their credentials, which were satisfactory.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Dr. Parker for his ingenious discourse delivered before them this day.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned until half past four o'clock, P. M., to the house of Dr. Parker.

Half past four o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled agreeably to adjournment.

Present: —

Clerical Members.

The Right Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. William Harris, A. M.
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.

Lay Delegates.

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. George Deblois, and Stephen Higginson, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Mr. Jenks, a reader, from Cambridge.

Voted, That a Committee be chosen to draw up Rules and Regulations, under the 12th Article of the State Convention.

Voted, That Dr. Samuel Parker, the Rev. Mr. Gardiner, and the Rev. Mr. Harris, be of that Committee.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Parker, the Rev. Mr. Gardiner, and the Rev. Mr. Harris, Stephen Higginson, Esq., Mr. Richard Green, and Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., be the Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

Voted, That a Committee, as Council to the Bishop, be appointed for the ensuing year.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Parker, the Rev. Mr. Gardiner, and the Rev. Mr. Harris, be of that Committee.

Voted, That no person shall be ordained until he is approbated by the Council to the Bishop, and certified under their hands.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Montague, of Dedham, be requested to preach a sermon before the Convention at their next annual meeting.

Voted, That in case the Rev. Mr. Montague cannot preach said sermon, that the Rev. Mr. Gardiner be requested to perform in his stead.

Voted, That the money collected last year, at the disposal of the Convention, be applied to certain charges which the Rev. Dr. Parker has paid on account of the Convention.

Voted, That this Convention be dissolved.

GEORGE DEBLOIS, *Secretary.*

The Convention of Clergy, &c., Dr. To I. IVERS.

1785.				
Sept. 9.	To Cash paid Mr. Laughton for copying, &c.	£3	00	0
	" " " Mr. Fleet pr. Mr. Parker for printing,		12	0
1786.				
July 20.	By Cash paid Rev. S. Parker by the following persons, viz:			
	Rev. Mr. Bass, Newburyport,	£0	4	6
	Rev. Mr. Wheeler, Scituate, &c.		4	6
	Rev. Mr. Parker, Trinity Church, Boston,		4	6
	Mr. Sherman, Christ Church, "		4	6
	Mr. Bours, Newport,		4	6
	Mr. Usher, Bristol,		4	6
	Mr. Blakesley, Claremont,		4	6
	Mr. Adams, Portsmouth,		4	6

The Convention, to DUDLEY A. TYNG, Dr.

1790.		
Oct. 13.	To Cash paid I. Mycall for printing copies of Constitution, ...	£1 10 0
1791.		
Feb. 7.	To paid Committee for printing Letter and Resolves, ...	9 0
		£1 19 0

Supra, Cr.

By Cash of Mr. Sherman, 4/6; Mr. Williams, 4/6, ...	9 0
By Mr. Abbot, 4/6; Mr. H. Smith, 4/6; Mr. Dalton, 4/6, ...	13 6
By Mr. Cobb, 4/6; Mr. Tyng, 4/6; Mr. O. Smith, 4/6, ...	13 6
	£1 16 0

To Mr. George Deblois, Secretary of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:—

Whereas, at the annual Convention of said Church, holden at Boston on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, 1801, it was omitted to choose Delegates to represent this Church in the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, to be holden agreeably to the Constitution of said Church, on the second Tuesday in September next, in the city of Trenton and State of New Jersey:

And whereas it is proposed at said General Convention to frame and agree upon Articles of Religion for this Church, and to alter and amend the first Article of the general Constitution respecting the times of holding the said General Convention, and to act upon other matters important to the welfare and prosperity of said Church, and it is of consequence that the Church in this Commonwealth should be represented in said General Convention:

You are therefore, agreeably to the seventeenth Article of our Constitution, authorized and requested, in the name of the Standing Committee of Convention, to notify the Clerical and Lay Delegates of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this Commonwealth to meet in Convention, at Boston, on Wednesday the 19th day of August, instant, for the purpose of choosing one or more Delegates of each Order to represent this Church at the General Convention to be holden at Trenton as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, at Boston, this fourth day of August, in the year 1801.

S. Parker,
John S. J. Gardiner,
William Harris,
Richard Green,
S. Higginson,
} *Standing Committee.*

Pursuant to the aforegoing, you are requested to send Delegates to represent your Church in said proposed Convention, for the purpose above mentioned.

George Deblois, *Secretary.*

To the
Right Rev. Edward Bass, D. D., Newburyport.
Rev. William Montague, A. M., Dedham.
Rev. Samuel Haskell, A. M., Boston.

To the Wardens of
Christ Church, Boston.
St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.
St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.
St, Paul's Church, Dedham.
Christ Church, Quincy.

At a special meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Trinity Church, in Boston, on Wednesday, the nineteenth day of August, 1801, pursuant to a notification of the Standing Committee.

Present:—

Clerical Members, viz:

The Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. William Harris, A. M.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.,
Rev. Samuel Haskell, A. M.

Lay Delegates.

Mr. Richard Green, and Mr. George Deblois, Trinity Church, Boston.

Doct. Thomas Kast, of Christ Church, Boston.

Hon. Samuel Sewall, Esq., St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Mr. James Prince, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

The Rev. Dr. S. Parker was chosen President.

Voted, That Delegates be chosen to attend the General Convention to be holden at Trenton, in the State of New Jersey, on the second Tuesday in September next.

Voted, That three Delegates of each Order be chosen.

Voted, Clerical Delegates, viz: The Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D., of Boston; Rev. William Harris, A. M., of Marblehead; Rev. Samuel Haskell, A. M., of Boston.

Lay Delegates, viz: Adam Babcock, Esq., Hon. Stephen Higginson, Esq., and Perez Morton, Esq., of Boston.

Voted, That in case the aforesaid Lay Delegates should not attend the General Convention, that the following gentlemen be chosen in their stead, viz: Hon. Samuel Sewall, Esq., of Marblehead; Mr. Tristram Coffin, of Newburyport; Mr. Samuel Rogers, of Boston.

Voted, That this Convention be dissolved.

GEORGE DEBLOIS, *Secretary.*

Mem.—The above-mentioned Lay Delegates were duly notified. G. D., *Sec'y.*

JOURNAL, 1802.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Trinity Church, in Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, Anno Domini, 1802, being the 25th day of the same month, where the Rev. William Harris read prayers, and John S. John Gardiner preached a sermon: after service, the Convention assembled in the Vestry Room, and adjourned until four o'clock, P. M., then to meet at the Library in Franklin Place.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled, agreeably to adjournment. Present: —

Clerical Members, viz:

The Right Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.,
Rev. Samuel Haskell, A. M.,
Rev. William Montague, A. M.,
Rev. James Bowers, A. M.

Visitors:—Rev. William Harris, A. M., of New York; Rev. Joseph Willard, A. M., of Portsmouth, N. H., and Rev. Mr. Kilburn, A. M., of Blandford.

Lay Delegates, viz:

Mr. Richard Green, Mr. George Deblois, and Stephen Higginson, Esq., of Trinity Church, Boston.

Perez Morton, Esq., and Doct. Thomas Kast, of Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. George Clark, and Mr. Noah Kingsbury, of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

Capt. Samuel R. Trevett, of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

George Deblois was chosen Secretary.

The Lay Delegates produced their credentials, which were satisfactory.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Gardiner, for his ingenious discourse delivered before them this day.

Voted, That a copy of the Rev. Mr. Gardiner's sermon, preached this day, be requested for publication.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed for the above purpose,—to consist of three.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Parker, the Rev. Mr. Bowers, and Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., be of that Committee.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to draw up Rules and Regulations under the 12th Article of the Ecclesiastical Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in this Commonwealth, beg leave to report the following Canons:—

CANON FIRST.

Disorderly, scandalous, and immoral conduct, neglect of duty, disregard to the Constitution or Canons of the General or State Conventions, a continued non-attendance at the annual Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth, without sufficient reasons in the judgment of the Convention, disseminating or countenanc-

ing opinions contrary to the doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, are offences for which a Clergyman ought to be censured; and accused of which by the Convention, he ought to be brought to trial.

CANON SECOND.

If any Clergyman of this Church offend in any instance enumerated in the foregoing Canon, complaint thereof may be made by the Wardens, or by three or more communicants of the Church of which he is incumbent, or at which he officiates, or by any other Clergyman, to the annual Convention, and if, in the opinion of the majority of both Orders, there shall be sufficient cause for said complaint, the same shall be certified to the Bishop, whose duty it shall be to furnish the accused person with a copy of the charges alleged against him, and require him to make answer thereto before him and his Council, whom he shall convene to hear and judge of said charge or charges, and notify the accused of the time and place of meeting; notice thereof to be given at least one month before. And if the Bishop and his Council, or a major part of them, after hearing the evidence, shall adjudge the accused guilty of said charge, the Bishop shall reprove, suspend, or degrade the person so convicted, as he and the said major part of his said Council shall think the offence may deserve. But if the offence require the degradation or deposition of the person so convicted, sentence shall be pronounced in the mode prescribed by the sixth Article of the General Constitution. And in case the person accused shall neglect to appear after due notice given as aforesaid, the Bishop and his Council shall proceed *ex parte*, and if the judgment shall be censure, the Bishop shall send the same to the person so convicted, in writing, but if the offence shall amount to suspension or degradation, the same shall be published agreeably to the directions of the third Canon of 1792 of the General Convention.

The foregoing report having been considered separately, and debated by paragraphs, was adopted, and declared to be the manner of proceeding against immoral Clergymen.

Voted, That a Standing Committee be appointed for the ensuing year.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Parker, the Rev. Mr. Haskell, the Rev. Mr. Bowers, Stephen Higginson, Esq., Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., and Doct. Thomas Kast, be of that Committee.

Voted, That a Committee, as Council to the Bishop, be appointed for the ensuing year.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Parker, the Rev. Mr. Montague, and the Rev. Mr. Haskell, be of that Committee.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Montague be requested to preach a sermon before the Convention at their next annual meeting.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Haskell be requested to preach a sermon at the time aforementioned, in case the Rev. Mr. Montague should not officiate.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned without day.

GEORGE DEBLOIS, *Secretary*.

JOURNAL, 1803.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Trinity Church, in Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, Anno Domini, 1803, being the 24th of the same month, where the Rev. —— read prayers, and the Rev. William Montague, preached a sermon: after service the Convention assembled in the Vestry Room, and adjourned until half past four o'clock, P. M., then to meet at the Boston Library Room, in Franklin Place.

Half past four o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled agreeably to adjournment.

Present: —

Clerical Members, viz:

The Right Rev. Edward Bass, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. Samuel Haskell, A. M.,
Rev. William Montague, A. M.,
Rev. John Silvester John Gardiner, A. M.,
Rev. Mr. Hilliard, Deacon,
Rev. Mr. Crocker, "

Lay Delegates.

Dr. Nathaniel Smith, Dr. Thomas Kast, and Mr. Lynde Walter, of Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Richard Green, and Stephen Higginson, Esq., of Trinity Church, Boston.

Dudley A. Tyng, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

William Symmes, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Portland.

George Deblois was chosen Secretary for the ensuing year.

The Lay Delegates produced their credentials, which were satisfactory.

Voted, That the two Canons of the last Convention be printed, and sent to the several Clergy and Churches in this Commonwealth, for their information. That Dr. Parker be said Committee.

Voted, That a Standing Committee be elected for the present year.

Voted, That Dr. Parker, Rev. Mr. Gardiner, Rev. Mr. Haskell, Stephen Higginson, Dudley A. Tyng, Esq., and Doct. Thomas Kast, be said Committee.

Voted, That a Committee, as Council for the Bishop, for the year ensuing, be appointed.

Voted, That Dr. Parker, Rev. Mr. Haskell, and Rev. Mr. Gardiner be that Committee.

Voted, That the appointment of a preacher to the Convention annually be vested in the Bishop; and, in case of his death or absence, that the said be vested in the Standing Committee.

Voted, That it be enjoined upon the Clergy of this Church, that the 15th Canon of 1789 of the General Convention be complied with, and that the Canon, and the vote now passed, be printed by the same Committee, and be sent to the several Churches.

Voted, That the thanks of the Convention be given to

the Rev. Mr. Montague, for his excellent sermon delivered this day in Trinity Church.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned without day.

GEORGE DEBLOIS, *Secretary.*

At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, January 21st, 1804:

Whereas, by the afflictive dispensation of divine Providence, the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Commonwealth is deprived of its head, by the death of the Right Reverend Dr. Bass, its late excellent and worthy Diocesan, therefore

Voted, That, agreeably to the tenth Article of the Constitution, notice be given to the several Protestant Episcopal Clergy and Churches in this Commonwealth, that it will be proposed at the next annual Convention, to proceed to the choice of a Bishop to preside over the said Churches in this Commonwealth, and if the Convention shall think the measure expedient, to elect one accordingly.

Given under our hands this 21st day of Jan., 1804.

S. Parker,
J. S. J. Gardiner,
Samuel Haskell,
Stephen Higginson,
Dudley A. Tyng,
Thomas Kast,
} *Standing Committee.*

A true copy.

Attest,

GEORGE DEBLOIS, *Secretary.*

JOURNAL, 1804.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Trinity Church, in Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, Anno Domini, 1804, being the 29th day of the same month, where the Rev. Dr. Samuel Parker read prayers, and the Rev. Samuel Haskell preached a sermon: after divine service, the Convention assembled in the Vestry Room.

Present: —

Clerical Members.

Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

Rev. Nathaniel Fisher, A. M., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Rev. Samuel Haskell, A. M., Rector of St. Anne's Church, Gardiner.

Rev. John S. J. Gardiner, A. M., Assistant Minister, Trinity Church, Boston.

Rev. William Montague, A. M., Rector of Christ Church, Dedham.

Rev. James Bowers, A. M., Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Rev. James Morss, A. M., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Lay Delegates.

Stephen Higginson, Esq., Mr. Richard Green, and Mr. George Deblois, Trinity Church, Boston.

Doct. Thomas Kast, Mr. Asa Eaton, and Mr. Lynde Walter, Christ Church, Boston.

Messrs. Samuel Richards, Abel Alleyne, and George Clark, Christ Church, Dedham.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Mr. Isaac Story, St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Mr. George H. Apthorp, Christ Church, Quincy.

Mr. Samuel Whiting, St. James Church, Great Barrington.

Rev. Dr. Parker was chosen President; Mr. George Deblois, Secretary.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be and hereby is given to the Rev. Samuel Haskell, for his very useful discourse delivered this day before the Convention.

Voted, That the Convention adjourn to the Boston Library Room in Franklin Place, there to meet at half past four o'clock, P. M.

Half past four o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled agreeably to adjournment. Present:—

Clerical Members.

Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D.,
Rev. Nathaniel Fisher, A. M.,
Rev. Samuel Haskell, A. M.,
Rev. William Montague, A. M.,
Rev. John S. John Gardiner, A. M.,
Rev. James Bowers, A. M.
Rev. James Morss, A. M.

Lay Delegates.

Stephen Higginson, Esq., Mr. Richard Green, and Mr. George Deblois, of Trinity Church, Boston.

Doct. Thomas Kast, Mr. Asa Eaton, and Mr. Lynde Walter.

Messrs. Abel Alleyne, and Mr. George Clark.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq.

Mr. Isaac Story.

Mr. George H. Apthorp.

Mr. Samuel Whiting.

The President communicated a letter from the Rev. William W. Wheeler, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Scituate, and St. Peter's Church, Marshfield, expressing his regret that his ill health would not permit his attending the Convention, as he intended, but that he should acquiesce in all the measures the Convention may think proper to transact. That Doctors Stockbridge and Bailey were chosen Lay Delegates by the Church at Scituate, and Dr. Winslow from the Church at Marshfield, to attend the annual Convention.

Received a vote from the congregation of St. James's Church, in Great Barrington, that said Church do accede to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this Commonwealth.

It was moved and seconded, that the sense of the Convention be taken, whether it is expedient, at this time, to come to the choice of a Bishop, to take the oversight, &c., of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this Commonwealth, agreeably to notice given in January last by the Standing Committee of last year. The question being put, it was carried in the affirmative by all the Clerical members, except the Rev. Nathaniel Fisher, and by the Lay Deputies unanimously.

Voted, A Committee be appointed to receive, assort, and count the votes.

Voted, This Committee consist of two, viz: Rev. Samuel Haskell, and Mr. Lynde Walter.

A vote being called for by ballot, for the election of a Bishop, there appeared five votes of the Clerical members, and eight votes of the Laity, for Dr. Samuel Parker. Rev. Mr. Fisher requested to be excused from voting, and the President voted for Mr. Fisher. Dr. Parker was chosen accordingly.

Dr. Parker read a letter he received from the Right Rev. Dr. William White, giving notice that Robert Andrews, late minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, is degraded from said ministry, for relinquishing his claim to the character and functions of a Clergyman of this Church.

Voted, That a Standing Committee be chosen for the present year.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Gardiner, Rev. Mr. Haskell, Rev. Mr. Bowers, Stephen Higginson, Esq., Doct. Thomas Kast, and Dudley Atkins Tyng, Esq., be that Committee.

Voted, That a Committee of Council to the Bishop, for the present year, be chosen.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Gardiner of Boston, Rev. Mr. Fisher of Salem, and the Rev. Mr. Bowers of Marblehead, be that Committee.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Bowers, of Marblehead, be requested to preach a sermon at the next Convention; and, in case Mr. Bowers shall not be able to attend, the Rev. Mr. Hilliard, of Portland, be requested to supply his place.

Voted, That Delegates be chosen to attend at the next General Convention, on the second Tuesday of September next, at New York.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Samuel Parker, Rev. Mr. Nathaniel Fisher, and the Rev. Mr. Samuel Haskell, attend as Clerical Delegates.

Voted, That Stephen Higginson, Esq., Dudley A. Tyng, Esq., and Mr. George H. Apthorp, attend as Lay Delegates.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned without day.

GEORGE DEBLOIS, *Secretary*.

JOURNAL, 1805.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Trinity Church, in Boston, on Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, 1805, being the 28th day of the same month, where the Rev. Mr. Gardiner read prayers, and the Rev. Mr. Hilliard preached a sermon: after divine service, the Convention adjourned to the Boston Library Room, in Franklin Place, at half past one o'clock, P. M.

Present:—

Clerical Members.

Rev. John S. John Gardiner, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

Rev. Mr. Eaton, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

Rev. Mr. Blackburn, Quincy.

Rev. Mr. Morss, Newburyport.

Rev. Mr. Dehon, Newport.

Rev. Mr. James Bowers, Marblehead.

Rev. Mr. Timothy Hilliard, Portland.

Lay Delegates.

Stephen Higginson, Esq., Joseph Foster, and Joseph Head, Trinity Church, Boston.

Mr. Asa Eaton, Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Samuel R. Trevett, St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Mr. William Symmes, St. Paul's Church, Portland.
Mr. Samuel A. Otis, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Rev. Mr. Gardiner was chosen President, and Joseph Foster Secretary.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be and hereby is given to the Rev. Mr. Hilliard, for his excellent and useful discourse delivered this day before the Convention.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be the same as last year, with the exception of Mr. Haskell, owing to his great distance.

Voted, That the Rev. James Morss, of Newburyport be added to the Standing Committee, in the room of the Rev. Mr. Haskell.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Bowers, of Marblehead, be requested to preach the sermon before the Convention at their next annual meeting; and, in case Mr. Bowers should not be able to attend, the Rev. Mr. Morss, of Newburyport, be requested to supply his place.

Voted, That this Convention take proper measures to communicate with the States of Rhode Island and New Hampshire, on the subject of joining in one Diocese, and make choice of a Bishop to preside over the whole.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be the Committee to correspond with the Clergy of the States aforementioned, for the purpose of having their opinions on the subject.

Voted, That the President of this Convention be requested to correspond with Bishop Moore, of New York, on the subject of curtailing the morning service, as may seem to them best.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned without day.

JOSEPH FOSTER, *Secretary*.

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JOURNAL, 1806.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Trinity Church, on Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, 1806, being the 27th day of the same month, where the Rev. Mr. Gardiner read prayers, and the Rev. Mr. Bowers preached a sermon: after divine service, the Convention assembled in the Vestry Room.

Present:—

Clerical Members.

Rev. Mr. Gardiner, Trinity Church, Boston.
Rev. Mr. Eaton, Christ Church, "
Rev. Mr. Morss, Newburyport.
Rev. Mr. Montague, Dedham.
Rev. Mr. Haskell, Gardiner.

Lay Delegates.

Stephen Higginson, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston.

Lynde Walter, Shubael Bell, and Robert Fennelly, Christ Church, Boston.

Barzillai Gannet, Esq., Gardiner.

Samuel A. Otis, Esq., Newburyport.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Gardiner be President, and Joseph Foster, Clerk.

Voted, That the following gentlemen be the Standing Committee for the year:—Rev. Mr. Gardiner, Rev. Mr. Morss, and Rev. Mr. Eaton, Clerical; Stephen Higginson, Joseph Foster, and Joseph Head, Lay.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Morss be requested to preach the sermon before the State Convention the next year; and, in case of failure by sickness or otherwise, the Rev. Mr. Eaton be requested.

Voted, That the eleventh Canon of the year 1804 be particularly attended to, and the regular returns be made at the next Convention; and that the Secretary of this Convention be requested to transmit a copy of this vote to each Church in this State.

Voted, That the President of this Convention be requested to write the Clergy of the several Churches in the States of Rhode Island and New Hampshire, on the subject of joining this Church in the choice of a Bishop to preside over the three States in one Diocese.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned without day.

JOSEPH FOSTER, *Secretary.*

JOURNAL, 1807.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Trinity Church, on Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, 1807, being the 26th day of the same month, where the Rev. Mr. Gardiner read prayers, and the Rev. Mr. Morss, of Newburyport, preached a sermon: after divine service, the Convention assembled in the Vestry Room.

Present:—

Clerical Members.

Rev. Mr. Gardiner, Trinity Church, Boston.
Rev. Mr. Eaton, Christ Church, "
Rev. Mr. Morss, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.
Rev. James Bowers, St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.
Rev. Wm. Montague, Christ Church, Dedham.

Lay Delegates Present.

Joseph Foster, and Joseph Head, Trinity Church, Boston.

Mr. Lynde Walter, Doct. Fennelly, and Shubael Bell, Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Samuel A. Otis, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Gardiner be President of this Convention.

Voted, That Joseph Foster be Secretary.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be and hereby is given to the Rev. James Morss, for his excellent sermon delivered this day in Trinity Church.

Voted, That a Standing Committee for the year ensuing be chosen.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Gardiner, Mr. David Greene, Mr. Joseph Foster, and Mr. Joseph Head, be that Committee.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Eaton be requested to preach a sermon at the next Convention; and, in case of failure by sickness or otherwise, the Rev. Mr. Bowers is requested to supply his place.

Voted, That the eleventh Canon of the year 1804* be particularly attended to, and the Secretary of this Convention is requested (in transmitting a copy of this vote) to inform the Rector of each Church, that an account is expected of the number of his communicants and the number of those who usually attend public worship, with such other information as he may judge useful, as coming under the head of said eleventh Canon.

Voted, That the Secretary be requested to inform the several Churches in the State, that it is the wish of this Convention to take the sense of the several Churches respecting the necessity of electing a Bishop, or putting themselves under some other Bishop already elected, and that their Delegates be requested to come prepared accordingly.

Voted, That the question of the appointment of a Bishop subside.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned without day.

JOSEPH FOSTER, *Secretary.*

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* Of the General Convention.

JOURNAL, 1808.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Trinity Church, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in in May, 1808, being the 24th day of the same month, where the Rev. Mr. Gardiner read prayers: after which the Convention assembled in the Vestry.

Present:—

Clerical Members.

Rev. Mr. J. S. J. Gardiner, of Trinity Church.

Lay Delegates.

Mr. David Greene, Joseph Foster, and Joseph Head, Trinity Church, Boston.

Mr. Lynde Walter, Doct. Fennelly, and Shubael Bell, Christ Church, Boston.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Gardiner be President of this Convention.

Voted, That Joseph Foster be the Secretary.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Gardiner, David Greene, Joseph Foster, and Joseph Head, be a Standing Committee for the year.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Eaton be requested to preach a sermon at the next Convention; and, in case of his failure, the Rev. Mr. Bowers.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned without day.

JOSEPH FOSTER, *Secretary.*

JOURNAL, 1809.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Trinity Church, in Boston, the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, A. D. 1809, being the 30th day of the same month.

Present: —

Clerical Members.

Rev. John S. John Gardiner, Trinity Church.
Rev. Asa Eaton, Christ Church.
Rev. James Bowers, St. Michael's, Marblehead.
Rev. James Morse, St. Paul's, Newburyport.
Rev. William Montague, Christ Church, Dedham.

Lay Delegates.

Mr. David Greene, and Mr. Joseph Foster, Trinity Church, Boston.

Mr. Lynde Walter, Mr. Robert Fennelly, and Mr. Shubael Bell, Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. William Winthrop, Mr. Andrew Craigie, and Mr. Samuel P. P. Fay, Christ Church, Cambridge.

Mr. George Apthorp, Church at Quincy.

Mr. Edward Rand, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Samuel Sewall, Esq., St. Michael's, Marblehead.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be and hereby is given to the Rev. Mr. Eaton, for his very useful and instructive discourse delivered this day before the Convention.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. John S. J. Gardiner, Rev. Mr. James Bowers, Rev. Mr. Asa Eaton, Samuel Sewall, Esq., Mr. David Greene, and Mr. Joseph Foster, be the Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Fisher, of Salem, be requested to preach a sermon at the next Convention; and, in case of failure by sickness or otherwise, the Rev. Mr. Gardiner be requested to supply his place.

Voted, That, in the opinion of this Convention it is expedient to proceed as soon as may be to the election of a Bishop.

Voted, That a Committee be now chosen to make application to the several parishes and members of the Episcopal Church within this State, and to obtain such contributions towards a fund for the support of a Bishop within this State, as all well-disposed Christians may consider suitable and necessary.

Voted, That the following gentlemen be that Committee: Dudley A. Tyng, Esq., Rev. Mr. John S. J. Gardiner, Rev. Mr. Asa Eaton, Rev. Mr. Morss, Stephen Higginson, Esq., Mr. Ezekiel Savage, Salem, Mr. William Winthrop, Cambridge, Mr. George Higginson, and Mr. Joseph Foster.

Voted, That the Standing Committee, in the name of this Convention, invite the several parishes of the Episcopal Church within the States of New Hampshire and Rhode Island, to join with this Convention, in providing for the support and in the election of a Bishop to preside over the Churches in these States.

Voted, That when this Convention adjourns, they adjourn to Cambridge, there to meet at the Church, the day after Commencement, at nine o'clock, P. M.

Voted, That the Secretary inform the several Churches (who are not here represented) of the adjournment of this Convention to Cambridge, and the purpose.

Voted, That this Convention be and accordingly is adjourned.

JOSEPH FOSTER, *Secretary*.

At a meeting of the Convention, (by adjournment,) at Christ Church, in Cambridge, on Thursday, the 31st day of —— 1809.

Present: —

Clerical Members.

Rev. John S. J. Gardiner, Trinity Church, Boston.
Rev. Asa Eaton, Christ Church, Boston.
Rev. William Montague, Christ Church, Dedham.
Rev. James Bowers, St. Michael's, Marblehead.

Lay Delegates.

Mr. David Green, and Mr. Joseph Foster, Trinity Church, Boston.

Mr. Lynde Walter, Mr. Shubael Bell, and Mr. Robert Fennelly, Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Andrew Craigie, and Mr. William Winthrop, Christ Church, Cambridge.

Hon. Samuel Sewall, Esq., St. Michael's, Marblehead.

Voted, That a Committee of five gentlemen be chosen, who, at their discretion, shall and may make application to the Legislature of this Commonwealth, in behalf of the several Episcopal Churches and Parishes, for a statute, giving corporate powers in perpetual succession to such persons as shall be nominated and appointed Trustees, to

receive and manage any and all funds, estates and donations to the Episcopal Church, for the support of a Bishop or any other purpose appertaining to the public worship and government of the Episcopal Churches within this Commonwealth, and for such other powers and authorities as may be suitably granted for the purposes aforesaid.

Voted, That the following gentlemen be on that Committee: Dudley A. Tyng, Esq., Samuel Sewall, Esq., Rev. John S. J. Gardiner, Rev. Asa Eaton, and Andrew Craigie, Esq.

Voted, That a Committee of three gentlemen be appointed, to inquire into the situation of any lands heretofore given to the Episcopal Church in this Commonwealth, or to any Parish or Society thereof, and which may be now unoccupied or applied to uses foreign to the intentions of the donor, and make report thereon to the next annual Convention.

Voted, That the Rev. William Montague, Rev. John S. J. Gardiner, and Mr. Shubael Bell, be that Committee.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be and hereby are authorized to inquire into the situation of the Episcopal Church in the State of Vermont, and invite them to join us in the choice and maintainance of a Bishop.

Voted, That the Standing Committee give due notice to the several Churches in this and the States of Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Vermont, of the intention of this Convention to proceed, at their next meeting, to the choice of a Bishop, and to invite said Churches to unite with us in the choice.

Voted, That the powers of the Committee chosen to collect the funds from the several Churches within this State, be extended to any other State [in which] they may see proper to make application.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned without day.

JOSEPH FOSTER, *Secretary*.

JOURNAL, 1810.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Trinity Church, in Boston, on Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, A. D. 1810, being the 29th day of the same month.

Present: —

Clerical Delegates.

Rev. John S. John Gardiner, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

Rev. Asa Eaton, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

Rev. James Bowers, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Rev. James Morss, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Rev. William Montague, Rector of Christ Church, Dedham.

Rev. Samuel Sewall.

Lay Delegates, viz:

Mr. David Greene, Mr. Joseph Head, and Mr. Joseph Foster, Trinity Church, Boston.

Mr. Shubael Bell, and Mr. Robert Fennelly, Christ Church, Boston.

William Winthrop, Esq., Samuel P. P. Fay, Esq., and Mr. Andrew Craigie, Christ Church, Cambridge.

Mr. Edward Rand, and Mr. Samuel Otis, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Mr. Albert Smith, Mr. Ruben Curtis, and Doct. Winslow, St. Andrew's Church, Scituate.

Mr. George Johonnot, St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Mr. Jared Bradley, and Mr. David Wainwright.

The Rev. Mr. John S. John Gardiner was chosen President of this Convention.

Mr. Joseph Foster was chosen Secretary.

Voted, That the Rev. John S. J. Gardiner, Rev. Asa Eaton, Rev. James Bowers, Hon. Samuel Sewall, Esq., Mr. David Greene, and Joseph Foster, be the Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

Voted, That four Clerical and four Lay Delegates be chosen to attend the General Convention, to be holden at New Haven, in the State of Connecticut, on the third Tuesday in May next, being 21st of the same month.

Voted, That the delegation consist of the following gentlemen: Rev. John S. John Gardiner, Rev. James Morss, Rev. James Bowers, and Rev. William Montague, Clerical; Mr. Shubael Bell, Mr. Horatio Townsend, Mr. Benjamin Greene, and Samuel P. P. Fay, Esq., Laymen.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be and are hereby authorized to fill up (by a new appointment) any vacancy that may take place, either by sickness, death, or detention in any way whatever, in the delegation chosen (as above) to meet in General Convention at New Haven.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned without day.

JOSEPH FOSTER, *Secretary*.

JOURNAL, 1811.

At a Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, held in Boston, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, at Trinity Church, on Tuesday, 28th May, 1811.

Present:—

Lay Delegates.

Messrs. Lynde Walter and Robert Fennelly, from Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. Prof. Peck, from Christ Church, Cambridge.

Mr. Lucius King, from St. James Church, Great Barrington.

Mr. Jared Bradlee, from Church at Lee.

Voted, To adjourn this meeting to Tuesday, the 27th day of August next, then to meet at Trinity Church.

Adjourned accordingly.

LYNDE WALTER, *Secretary, pro tem.*

At a meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, held, by adjournment, in Boston, State of Massachusetts, at Trinity Church, on the 27th day of August, 1811.

Present: —

Right Rev. Bishop Griswold,
Rev. John S. John Gardiner,
Rev. Asa Eaton,
Rev. James Bowers,
Rev. James Morse,
Rev. William Montague,

Lay Delegates, viz:

Mr. David Greene, Mr. Joseph Head, and Mr. Joseph Foster, Trinity Church, Boston.

Mr. Shubael Bell, Mr. Robert Fennelly, and Mr. Lynde Walter, Christ Church, Boston.

Hon. Samuel Sewall, St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Mr. Elisha Hayward, St. Andrew's Church, Scituate.

Right Rev. Bishop Griswold, President.

Voted, Joseph Foster be the Secretary for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the Rev. John S. John Gardiner, Rev. Asa Eaton, Rev. James Bowers, Hon. Samuel Sewall, Mr. David Greene, and Joseph Foster, be the Standing Committee of the year ensuing.

Voted, That the Bishop of the Diocese appoint a preacher for the next State Convention.

Voted, That the Clergy be requested to give information, (in their several Churches, one week prior to the

meeting of the State Convention,) when and where they meet, and that divine service will be performed and a sermon preached before the Convention.

P. S. It is expected that the 45th Canon, which requires a return of the state of the Church be attended to.

A question being brought forward by the Rev. Mr. Morse, of Newburyport, on the expediency of altering the time and place of the meeting of the State Convention, on which a lengthy debate took place, and the time being elapsed for the meeting of the Trustees of the Bishop's fund, it was voted that the further discussion of the question be postponed to the next Convention.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned without day.

JOURNAL, 1812.

At a meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Trinity Church, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, A. D. 1812, being the 26th, prayers being read by the Rev. Mr. Gardiner, and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Morss, of Newburyport: divine service being over, the Convention proceeded to business.

Present:—

Rev. Mr. John S. John Gardiner,
Rev. Mr. Asa Eaton,
Rev. Mr. Morss,
Rev. Mr. Cooper, (Joab G.)

Lay Delegates.

Joseph Head, and Joseph Foster, Trinity Church, Boston.

Shubael Bell, William Walter, and Thomas Clarke, Christ Church, Boston.

James Richardson, Esq., Christ Church, Dedham.

Abraham Bigelow, and Samuel P. P. Fay, Christ Church Cambridge.

Isaac Adams, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Doct. Gad Hitchcock, and Reuben Curtis, St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

Samuel Barstow, St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

Ephraim Bradly, St. Luke's Church, Lanesboro'.

The Rev. John S. John Gardiner was unanimously elected President.

Joseph Foster, Secretary.

Rev. Mr. Gardiner, Rev. Mr. Eaton, Rev. Mr. Morss, Mr. Joseph Head, Mr. William Walter, and Joseph Foster, were chosen Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

Voted, To proceed to the choice of four Clerical and four Lay Delegates, to represent the Church in the Diocesan Convention, to be held at Providence, Rhode Island, on the last Wednesday in September next, when the following gentlemen were chosen: Rev. Mr. Gardiner, Rev. Mr. Morss, Rev. Mr. Montague, Rev. Mr. Cooper, William Winthrop, William Walter, Joseph Head, and Samuel Cutler.

Voted, unanimously, the thanks of this Convention to the Rev. Mr. Morss, for his excellent and instructive discourse delivered to them this day.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Eaton, and Mr. James Richardson, be a Committee to wait on the Rev. Mr. Morss, for a copy for the press. The Committee reported Rev. Mr. Morss's assent, but requested time to prepare a copy.

Voted, That the Bishop be requested to appoint a preacher for the next State Convention.

Voted, The thanks of this Convention be given to Mr. Shubael Bell, for his attention in having printed a copy of the Prayers of the Church and the Psalter annexed.

The following returns were made from the several Churches in this State.

Churches.	Places.	Rectors.	Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	Communicants.	Observations.
Trinity	Boston	Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner	8	50	15	150	On the great festivals, the Communicants are nearly 300.
Christ	Boston	Rev. Asa Eaton	7	16	12	60	60 families—the Church flourishing.
St. Paul's	Newburyport	Rev. J. Morse		22	10	44	
St. Peter's	Salem	Rev. N. Fisher	3	9	7	19	
St. Andrew's	Hanover	Rev. Joab G. Cooper		17	5	35	A growing attention to religion.
St. Luke's	Lanesborough	Rev. Amos Pardee				40	50 families—marriages and baptisms few.

JOURNAL, 1813.

At a meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Trinity Church, Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, being the 25th, prayers were read by Rev. J. Morss, of Newburyport, and a sermon was preached by Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner, of Boston.

Present at the Convention :—

Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

Rev. Asa Eaton, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

Rev. James Morss, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Rev. Joab G. Cooper, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

Rev. Aaron Humphrey, Rector of St. Anne's Church, at Gardiner.

The Bishop, Right Rev. Dr. Griswold, acted *ex officio* as President. *Clerical Members.*

Joseph Head, and Joseph Foster, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston.

Thomas Clark, Shubael Bell, and Lynde Walter, Christ Church, Boston.

Ezekiel Savage, and Thomas Thomas, Esquires, St. Peter's, Salem.

Luther Dana, Christ Church, Cambridge.

John Fedder, and R. H. French, Marblehead.

Jared Bradley, of Lee, for the Church at Lenox.

John Edson, Trinity Church, Bridgewater. *Lay Delegates.*

Voted, That a Committee of two be chosen to receive and count votes. Mr. Shubael Bell and Thomas Thomas, Esquires, were chosen.

Rev. J. Morss was chosen Secretary for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the former Secretary for his services.

The Standing Committee appointed the last year were re-elected, viz: Rev. Mr. Gardiner, Rev. Mr. Eaton, and Rev. Mr. Morss, Mr. Joseph Head, Mr. William Walter, and Mr. Joseph Foster.

After some debate, whether a person who was not a member of the Convention could be a member of the Standing Committee, it was decided by vote in the affirmative.

Returns from the several Churches were called for, in conformity to the 45th Canon, and such as were prepared were presented.

Voted, To choose four Clerical and four Lay Deputies, by ballot and on one list, to represent the Churches in this State in the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, to be holden at Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday in May, 1814. Rev. John S. J. Gardiner, Rev. Asa Eaton, Rev. Joab G. Cooper, and Rev. J. Morss, were chosen as Clerical; and Hon. James Lloyd, Mr. William Walter, Ezekiel Savage, Esq., and William Winthrop, Esq., as Lay Delegates.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be empowered to fill the vacancy, should either of the Clerical or Lay Deputies be unable to attend the General Convention.

Voted, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Gardiner, for his sermon preached before them at this meeting.

Voted, That a Committee of three be chosen, to provide a dinner for the next Convention.

Mr. Joseph Foster, Mr. Shubael Bell, and Mr. Thomas Clark, were chosen.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES MORSS, *Secretary*.

Trinity Church, Boston, May 25, 1813.

State of the Church in Massachusetts, according to returns made in conformity to the 45th Canon, for the year 1813.

Churches.	Places.	Rectors.	Baptisms.	Marriages.	Deaths.	Communicants.	Families.	Observations.
Trinity	Boston	Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner	53	13	12	150		The Communicants on the great Festivals amount to 400.
Christ	Boston	Rev. Asa Eaton	32	10	19	75		In a flourishing state.
St. Peter's	Salem	Vacant	4	0	5	16	35	Lately decaying, but at present considered as rising.
St. Michael's	Marblehead		3	0	0	20	35	For some time past in a decaying state, but supposed to be reviving.
St. Paul's	Dedham	Rev. Wm. Montague	3	0	6	13	20	The Rector absent ever since Nov. last, and the Church is not increasing.
St. Paul's	Newburyport	Rev. James Morss	28	4	10	54	90	
St. Luke's	Lanesborough	Rev. Amos Pardee	13	3	2	40		Flourishing—5 marriages besides, which were celebrated in N. Y. State—rubrics regarded by the Incumbent, but violated by a visiting Clergyman.
St. James's	Great Barrington	Rev. Sam'l Griswold	17	4	13	79	100	128 persons confirmed in 1811, and 24 do. in 1812. The church building is about 50 years old—8 acres belonging to the glebe, house and barn thereon.
St. Andrew's	Hanover	Rev. Joab G. Cooper						
St. Anne's	Gardiner	Rev. A. Humphrey	2	4	4	13	40	
Trinity	Bridgewater	Vacant	0	0	0	2	12	15 years vacant—Church lately repaired externally—six pews finished.
	Portland	Vacant						
St. James's	Greenfield	Vacant						
St. Mary's	Newton	Vacant						
	Lenox	Rev. S. Griswold	3	1	2	14	30	Its prospects far better than at any former period.
Christ	Cambridge	Rev. Asa Eaton	4	0	0	12	52	Supposed to be increasing. Rev. A. Eaton, of Boston is the Rector—and Walter Cranston, Reader—Affairs of the Church regularly conducted.

JOURNAL, 1814.

At a meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Trinity Church, Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday in May, being the 24th, (A. D. 1814,) prayers were read by Mr. Carlisle: after which the Convention assembled in the Vestry.

Present:—

Clerical Members.

Rev. William Montague, Rector of Christ Church, Dedham.

Rev. Joab G. Cooper, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

Lay Delegates.

Mr. Joseph Foster, Trinity Church, Boston.

Shubael Bell, Esq., Christ Church, Boston.

William Winthrop, Esq., and Abraham Bigelow, Esq., Christ Church, Cambridge.

Mr. Curtis, St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

Mr. Solomon Curtis, and James B. Howe, St. Mary's Church, Newton.

Rev. Mr. Montague was chosen President.

James B. Howe was chosen Secretary.

Voted, That Mr. Joseph Foster take his seat in this Convention as Lay Delegate for Trinity Church.

Voted, That the following gentlemen be Delegates to represent the Church in the Diocesan Convention, to be held in Portsmouth, on the last Wednesday in September next: Rev. Dr. John S. John Gardiner, Rev. Asa Eaton, Rev. William Montague, Rev. Joab G. Cooper, William Winthrop, Esq., Gardiner Green, Esq., Lynde Walter, Esq., and William Woart, Esq.

Voted, That the following gentlemen be a Standing Committee for the ensuing year: Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rev. A. Eaton, Lynde Walter, Esq., Joseph Head, Esq., Joseph Foster, Esq., Gardiner Greene, Esq., and J. C. Merrill, Esq.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be and they are hereby authorized to fill any vacancy that may take place in the delegation chosen, as above, to attend the Diocesan Convention to be holden at Portsmouth in September next.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be authorized and requested to provide entertainment for the members of the State Convention on the day of their next annual meeting, at their discretion.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES B. HOWE, *Secretary*.

Returns from several Churches.

Churches.	Places.	Rectors.	Marriages.	Baptisms.	Deaths.	Communicants.	Observations.
Christ	Cambridge	Rev. A. Eaton	0	2	0	60	Sacrament administered every eighth Sunday.
St. Andrew's	Hanover	Rev. J. G. Cooper	1	3	0	35	During the past year some have been added and others removed.
Trinity	Marshfield			1			Rev. J. G. Cooper officiates three Sundays in a year.
St. Luke's	Lanesboro'	Rev. A. Pardee	2	8	4	39	
St. Paul's	Newburyport	Rev. J. Morss	2	34	11		Families, about 90. Catechisings are holden monthly, on Sunday after divine service in afternoon—about 70 children are present.

JOURNAL, 1815.

At a meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Trinity Church, Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday of May, (viz. May 30, 1815,) prayers were read by the Rev. Joab G. Cooper, of Hanover, and a sermon was delivered by Rev. Asa Eaton, of Boston: after which the Convention assembled in the Church.

Present:—

Clerical Members.

Rev. John S. J. Gardiner, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

Rev. Asa Eaton, Christ Church, Boston.

Rev. James Morss, St. Paul's, Newburyport.

Rev. Joab G. Cooper, Hanover.

Lay Delegates.

Joseph Foster, Esq., and Gardiner Green, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston.

Shubael Bell, Esq., and James C. Merrill, Esq., Christ Church, Boston.

Lucius King, Esq., St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

Abraham Harrington, and Samuel Noyes, Church at Dedham.

Thomas Carlile, and William Shepard Gray, St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Jonathan M. Wainwright, St. Mary's Church, Newton.

Hon. Stephen Hooper, Esq., St. Paul's, Newburyport.

Rev. John S. J. Gardiner, D. D., was chosen President, and James C. Merrill, Secretary.

Voted, That the following gentlemen be the Standing Committee for the year ensuing, viz: Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rev. Asa Eaton, Rev. James Morss, Lynde Walter, Esq., Joseph Head, Esq., and Joseph Foster, Esq.

The President read a complaint against the Rev. William Montague, of Christ Church, Dedham, signed by Horatio Townsend and others, with sundry depositions relating thereto. Whereupon it was

Voted, That Rev. J. Morss, Rev. A. Eaton, Hon. S. Hooper, Rev. J. G. Cooper, and B. Allen, LL. D., be a Committee to examine said complaint and depositions, and report forthwith. The Committee report, that a Committee of two be appointed to draw up articles of impeachment. Rev. J. Morss and S. Hooper were appointed agreeably to said report.

The Committee, after deliberation, made a report, as follows:—

"At a meeting of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the State of Massachusetts, holden at Boston, on the 30th day of May, 1815. The members of said Convention respectfully beg leave to represent to the Right Reverend Alexander V. Griswold, Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, that from documents and evidence laid before this Convention, it appears, that the Rev. William Montague, late Rector of St. Paul's Church in Dedham, has been guilty of scandalous, disorderly and immoral conduct, and for which, in the opinion of the Convention, he ought to be brought

to trial; and this Convention do present him accordingly, that he may be proceeded with, in the premises, agreeably to the Canons and Rules in such cases ordained and established."

Voted, That the report be accepted, and that the President of this Convention communicate the same to the Bishop.

The President then read a statement, signed by Joshua Kingsbury and Noah Kingsbury, Wardens of St. Paul's Church, Dedham. Thereupon it was

Voted, That Hon. D. A. Tyng, Esq., Hon. Stephen Hooper, and William Winthrop, Esq., be a Committee to hear the parties, and use their best endeavors to adjust all difficulties between the Rev. William Montague and said Church.

A remonstrance, signed by certain aggrieved members of the Episcopal Church in Great Barrington, was read by the President,—whereupon it was

Voted, That said remonstrants have leave to withdraw their statement.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Gardiner, and the Rev. Asa Eaton, be a Committee to superintend the printing of the Canons of the Church.

Voted, That the Rectors of the Churches in this Commonwealth, and in Churches, where there are no Rectors, the Readers, be a Committee to furnish an account of the Churches, and that they make report at the next Convention, and that the Secretary notify them of this vote.

Returns from several Churches:—

Church in Cambridge: Baptisms, 2; Marriages, none; Funerals, none; Families, 52; Communicants, 18. Rev. Asa Eaton administers the ordinances once in two months.

Christ Church, Boston: Baptisms, 38; Marriages, 11; Deaths, 8; Communicants, about 100. This Church is in a flourishing state.

St. Peter's Church, Salem: Deaths, 7; Baptisms, 2; Communicants, 25. More flourishing than for many years past.

St. Paul's, Newburyport: Baptisms, 20; Marriages, 1; Deaths, 4; Communicants, 66.

Voted, That the Convention adjourn without day.

JOURNAL, 1816.

At a meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Trinity Church, Boston, on the Tuesday preceding the last Wednesday of May, (viz. May 28th,) 1816, prayers were read by the Rev. Thomas Carlile, and a sermon was delivered by the Rev. Titus Strong, of Greenfield: after which the Convention assembled in Trinity Church.

Present:—

Clerical Members.

Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Trinity Church, Boston.
Rev. Mr. Eaton, Christ Church, "
Rev. Mr. Morss, St. Paul's, Newburyport.
Rev. Mr. Strong, Greenfield.
Rev. Mr. Carlile, Salem.

Lay Delegates.

Joseph Foster, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston.

Shubael Bell, Esq., and Thomas Clarke, Esq., Christ Church, Boston.

Dr. Oliver Hubbard, St. Peter's, Salem.

Hon. Stephen Hooper, and Edward S. Rand, Esq., St. Paul's, Newburyport.

Abraham Bigelow, Esq., Christ Church, Cambridge.
Caleb Hyde, Esq., Lenox.
Theodore Edson, Esq., Bridgewater.

The Rev. Dr. Gardiner was chosen President.
James C. Merrill, Esq., Secretary.

Voted, That the following gentlemen be the Standing Committee for the year ensuing, viz: Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rev. Mr. Eaton, Rev. Mr. Morss, Lynde Walter, Esq., Joseph Head, Esq., and Joseph Foster, Esq.

The following gentlemen were elected to represent the Churches in this State at the next Diocesan Convention, viz: Rev. Mr. Strong, Rev. Mr. Morss, Rev. Mr. Eaton, Rev. Mr. Pardee, Shubael Bell, Esq., Joseph Head, Esq., Dr. Alpheus Stone, and Dr. Oliver Hubbard.

Voted, That, if either of the above gentlemen should not be able to attend the Convention, the Standing Committee be authorized to supply the deficiency.

The following gentlemen were elected to represent this State in the next General Convention, viz: Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rev. Mr. Eaton, Rev. Mr. Morss, Rev. Mr. Strong, Joseph Head, Esq., Thomas Chapman, Esq. Lynde Walter, Esq., and Gardiner Green, Esq.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be authorized to supply deficiencies in this as in the above case.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to arrange the information received from the several Churches in this State, and from this to form a report to be laid before the General Convention.

That the following gentlemen be this Committee, viz: Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rev. Mr. Morss, Rev. Mr. Eaton, and James C. Merrill, Esq.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to revise the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State.

That the following gentlemen be this Committee, viz: Dudley A. Tyng, Esq., Abraham Bigelow, Esq., and Rev. Mr. Eaton.

That this Committee, when ready to report, communicate to the Bishop, and request him to call a special meeting of the Convention.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Strong, for his appropriate discourse delivered before them this day.

Voted, That the Convention adjourn without day.

JONA. M. WAINWRIGHT, *Secretary, pro tem.*

The following returns were made of the Churches in this State:—

Trinity Church, Boston.

Christ Church, Boston: Baptisms, 12; Marriages, 9; Funerals, 13; Communicants, 100. General state of the Church, flourishing.

St. Peter's Church, Salem: Communicants, 40; Deaths, 10; Baptisms, 2; Marriages, 2. State of this Church is flourishing.

Christ Church, Cambridge: Baptisms, 1; Marriages, none; Communicants, 16; Funerals, 1; Families, 50. Rev. Asa Eaton administers the sacrament once in two months.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport: Baptisms, 53; Marriages, 3; Burials, 13; Communicants, 70. Catechisms are attended to monthly during the summer.

St. James's Church, Great Barrington: From May 1813, to May 1816, were,—Families, 100; Communicants, 80; Baptisms, (adults), 16—(infants), 48; Marriages, 17; Funerals, 39. Rev. Samuel Griswold, Rector.

Church at Lenox, Rev. Samuel Griswold, Rector: Families, 50; Communicants, 15; Baptisms, (adults), 10—(infants), 22; Marriages, 5; Funerals, 6. This return includes from May 1813, to May 1816.

St. Luke's Church, Lanesboro': Baptisms, (adults), 13—(infants), 1; Deaths, 1; Marriages, 3; Communicants, 40. In 1815: Marriages, 2; Deaths, 2; Baptisms, 8.

St. James's Church, Greenfield: Society organized, Sept. 25, 1812, consisting at that time of five families; three individuals were communicants. Church consecrated August 31, 1814. Present number of taxable polls, 58; about the same number of families; Communicants, 40; Congregation from 150 to 200; Baptisms since the last Convention, 4; Deaths, 5; Marriages, 2. Sixty-six persons have been confirmed, and about eighty baptized, since the establishment of the Society.

JOURNAL, 1817.

At an annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Trinity Church, Boston, on Tuesday, May 27, 1817.

Present:—

Rev. John S. J. Gardiner, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston, and Rev. Asa Eaton, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

Lay Delegates.

Joseph Foster, Trinity Church, Boston.
Thomas Clark, Christ Church, "
John R. Cotting, St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.
Ephraim Sprague, and James Thomas, Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

Rev. Dr. J. S. J. Gardiner was chosen President.

James C. Merrill, Esq., Secretary.

Agreeably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention, the following parochial reports were presented:—

Christ Church, Boston, Rev. A. Eaton, Rector: Baptisms, 63; Marriages, 15; Deaths, 10; Communicants, 170.

St. Peter's Church, Salem, Rev. T. Carlile, Rector: Communicants, 47; Deaths, 8; Baptisms, 17.

The following gentlemen were chosen the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, viz: Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rev. Mr. Morss, Rev. A. Eaton, Lynde Walter, Esq., Joseph Head, Esq., and Joseph Foster, Esq.

The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the Convention, to revise the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Commonwealth, submitted the following report, viz:—

1. That the first Article of the Constitution be altered to read thus, viz: A Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this State, to consist of the Ministers of said Churches, and one or more Deputies, not exceeding three, being laymen, to be chosen by each congregation, shall be held on the third Wednesday of November, in every year, at such place within the State as shall be agreed on and appointed at each preceding meeting of the Convention.

2. That the 2, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 19 Articles be expunged.

3. That the fifth Article be altered to read thus, viz: The Bishop of the Diocese, when present at any meeting of the Convention, shall preside therein; in his absence, a president shall be elected from the members present.

4. That, in the seventeenth Article, the words in the third and fourth lines, in the edition of 1800, viz: "mentioned in the tenth Article, and also power," be expunged.

5. That the Canons adopted by the Convention in May, 1802, and all such Canons as shall hereafter be devised and adopted by the Convention, be printed with all future editions of the Constitution.

The above report was unanimously accepted. Whereupon,

Voted, That the same Committee be requested to procure the Constitution to be printed, as now revised, and to cause the same to be distributed among the several Churches in this State.

Voted, That the next meeting of the Convention be holden in Newburyport, on the third Wednesday in November next.

Voted, That the Rev. Thomas Carlile be requested to preach before the Convention at their next meeting.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned, to meet at St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, on the third Wednesday in November next, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Attest,

JAMES C. MERRILL, *Secretary*.

JOURNAL, 1817.

At an annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1817.

At ten oclock, A. M., the Right Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Eastern Diocese, and several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates attended in St. Paul's Church.

Morning service was performed by the Rev. Asa Eaton, Rector of Christ Church, Boston; and a sermon adapted to the occasion preached by the Rev. Thomas Carlile, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem. The Holy Rite of Confirmation was then administered by the Bishop, and immediately after, the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

After the religious services, the Convention assembled in the body of the Church.

Present:—

Right Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese.

Clergy.

Rev. James Morss, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport; Rev. Thomas Carlile, Rector of St. Peter's

Church, Salem; and Rev. Asa Eaton, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

Lay Delegates.

Ebenezer Mayo, Esq., Church, Portland.

Messrs. Dean, Rand, and Adams, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Voted, That the Rev. Asa Eaton be Secretary of this Convention.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Smith, Deacon, and Mr. Otis, a candidate for orders, be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Gardiner, the Rev. Mr. Morss, the Rev. Mr. Eaton, Shubael Bell, James C. Merrill, and Joseph Foster, Esquires, be the Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Strong, the Rev. Mr. Carlile, Rev. Mr. Morss, Rev. Mr. Eaton, Samuel W. Felps, Dr. A. Stone, Edward S. Rand, and Dudley A. Tyng, be Delegates to represent the Church in this State in the Biennial Convention to be holden at Greenfield, on the last Wednesday in September next.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Carlile, for his excellent and appropriate sermon delivered this day.

Voted, That the next meeting of this Convention be held at St. Peter's Church, Salem; and that the Rev. Mr. Morss be requested to deliver a sermon adapted to the occasion.

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Morss, the Rev. Mr. Carlile, and the Rev. Mr. Eaton, be a Committee to devise means for commencing a fund for missionary purposes.

Agreeably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention, the following parochial reports were presented:—

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston, John R. Cotting, Reader. This Church was organized in March, 1816, and incorporated the June following. Baptisms, 2; Marriages, 0; Deaths, 0; Communicants, 7; Worshippers, about 40.

Church in Portland, Me.: Baptisms, 12; Marriages, 0; Deaths, 0; Communicants, 18.

St. Peter's Church, Salem, Rev. Thomas Carlile, Rector: Baptisms, 4; Marriages, 3; Deaths, 5; Communicants, 47.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead: Baptisms, 1; Marriages, 1; Deaths, 1; Communicants, 25.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport: Rev. James Morss, Rector: Baptisms since May 1816, 49; Baptisms since May 1817, 24; Marriages since the commencement of 1817, 4; Deaths during the same time, 9. The number of families usually attending worship in this Church is from 90 to 100. Communicants, 70.

Voted, That this Convention be adjourned without day.

Attest,

ASA EATON, *Secretary.*

JOURNAL, 1818.

At an annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at Salem, St. Peter's Church, on Wednesday, the 18th day of November, 1818, the following Clergy assembled in the Vestry, at ten o'clock, A. M.: The Right Rev. Bishop Griswold, Rev. Mr. Eaton, Rev. Mr. Carlile, Rev. Mr. Morss, and Rev. Mr. Smith.

Voted, To adjourn, to meet in the Church immediately after divine service.

After the morning service, the Right Rev. Bishop proceeded to perform the Holy Rite of Confirmation, and after sermon, to admit the Rev. Calvin Wolcott, Deacon, to the Holy Order of Priest. The Holy Communion being celebrated, the services were closed, and the Convention met in the body of the Church, according to adjournment.

Present:—Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold, Rev. Mr. Eaton, Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rev. Mr. Morss, Rev. Mr. Carlile, and Rev. Mr. Smith.

Lay Delegates.—Shubael Bell, Esq., Christ Church, Boston; Dr. Hubbard, and R. Brookhouse, St. Peter's Church, Salem; and Dr. John Drury, St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Proceeded to the choice of a Secretary. *Voted*, That the Rev. Mr. Smith be Secretary for the year ensuing.

Voted, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Eaton, for his faithfulness and diligence whilst he held the office of Secretary.

Voted, The thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Morss, for his excellent and appropriate sermon, this day delivered.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rev. A. Eaton, Rev. T. Carlile, Mr. George Brinley, Shubael Bell, Esq., and John W. Treadwell, Esq., be the Standing Committee for the year ensuing.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention, "to devise means for commencing a fund for missionary purposes," beg leave to report:—

That they have perused the Act of Incorporation and By-Laws of "The Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society, and Trustees of the Massachusetts Episcopal Prayer Book and Tract Society," and, that the laudable objects of that Society may be accomplished, recommend,—

That it be recommended to the different Churches in this Commonwealth, to have collections twice a year, on Advent Sunday and Whitsunday; the sums so collected to be forwarded by the Ministers, at that time Rectors of, or officiating in said Churches, to the Treasurer of the above-named Society, to be appropriated by the Managers thereof, either to the immediate support of a Missionary or Missionaries, or to establish a fund, the *income* of which shall be used agreeably to the direction of their Act of Incorporation.

That it likewise be further recommended to the Ministers of this Church in this Commonwealth, to use their exertions to procure annual subscribers for the purpose above-named, the money thus collected to be regularly forwarded to the Treasurer as before mentioned.

That the Convention authorize a Circular Letter to be printed,

stating the above resolutions, and calling on the Churches to use their exertions towards supporting Missionaries.

And that this Circular be signed by the President and Secretary, and sent to every Church in the State.

JAMES MORSS, Per order.

Voted, That the report of the Committee be accepted.

Motioned, by Shubael Bell, Esq., and carried, that the Rev. Mr. Morss, Rev. Mr. Eaton and the Secretary of this Convention, be a Committee, to prepare a Circular Letter to the several Churches in this State, in conformity to the report of the Committee on the subject of missionary funds, and that they be authorized to publish and distribute to the several Parishes the report of the Committee, with the Circular and form of subscription.

Voted, That the Committee appointed to prepare a Circular, be authorized to attach to it any other document which they may deem proper and advisable.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to request, through the medium of the Circular, the different Churches in the State, whether supplied by Clergymen or not, to make report to the Convention of their condition and circumstances, agreeably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention; and, in case these reports are not sent in by Delegates, to have them forwarded to the Secretary, by mail or otherwise, as soon as circumstances will permit.

Voted, That the next meeting of the Convention be at Hanover.

Motioned, that the meeting of this Convention be altered to the last Wednesday in June, annually.

Voted, That the Secretary be requested to preach the sermon at the next meeting of the Convention.

Voted, That the Convention be adjourned without day.

Agreeably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention, the following Parochial Reports were presented:—

Christ Church, Boston, Rev. Asa Eaton, Rector: Baptisms, 91; Burials, 9; Marriages, 9; Communicants, from 220 to 230. 25 persons have received the Holy Rite of Confirmation. The average number of scholars in the Sunday School, about 150.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport: Baptisms, 20; Marriages, 5; Deaths, 16; Communicants, 75. The state of the Church much the same as at the last report. Rev. James Morss, Rector.

St. Peter's Church, Salem, Rev. Thomas Carlile, Rector: Whole number of families, 93; Communicants added since the last report, 5; Removed, 4; Died, 2; Whole number, 46; Baptisms—adults, 2, infants, 10—whole number, 12; Marriages, 6; Burials, 10.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, Benjamin B. Smith, Rector: Whole number of families, 60; Number of communicants added since last report, 2; Removed, 4; Died, 1; Whole number, 24; Baptisms, infants, 3; Burials, 8; Marriages, 1; Greatest number Sunday scholars, 70.

Christ Church, Cambridge, Rev. George Otis at present supplies the desk: Number of families, 25; Single persons, including 18 Students of the University, 30; Communicants, 14; Baptisms, 4; Marriages, 1; Burials, 2. Rev. Asa Eaton, of Christ Church, Boston, to whose benevolence this Society is greatly indebted, continues occasionally to administer the Holy Sacrament.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. The 31st day of March, 1816, may be considered as the birth-day of this Church, as on that day was first performed divine service among them, by Mr. John R. Cotting, who continued to read, with some exceptions, till the 24th of June, 1818. Two months after the service was first performed, this Church was duly organized, by the blessing of God. On this occasion Shubael Bell, Esq., was singularly useful. Thirty-five persons, mostly heads of families, and apparently in comfortable circumstances, signed the caption of an agreement; and a petition having been drawn up, and presented to the Legislature, an Act of Incorporation, with the usual privi-

leges and immunities, received the signature of His Excellency the Governor, on the 20th of June. At this period, disaffection appeared among the original subscribers, most of them neglecting public worship. The Town School House, which served for a Church, being inconvenient and uncomfortable, exertions were made to obtain subscriptions towards putting up a small building, but little encouragement was received till towards the close of the summer of 1817, when some handsome subscriptions were obtained. A Committee was appointed to make contracts with carpenters and masons, and the work was begun on the 1st of September, 1817. During the progress of the work, further subscriptions were received, and considerable loans procured. On the 24th of June, the festival of St. John's, 1818, this Church was consecrated, having been about ten months in building. At present there are seldom less than 30 worshippers, frequently near 100, and sometimes over 100; Communicants are about 8; Baptisms, 28; Deaths, 2.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover: Families, 75; Communicants, 32; 3 deaths and 1 baptism since the Rectorship of Rev. C. Wolcott.

—— *Church, Quincy:* Families, 25; Communicants, 8.

—— *Church, Marshfield:* Families, 34; Communicants, 7.

—— *Church, Bridgewater:* Families, about 30; Com. 10.

N. B. The above information was conveyed by the Rev. C. Wolcott.



JOURNAL, 1819.

At an annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, holden at St. Andrew's Church, in Hanover, on Wednesday, the 17th day of November, A. D. 1819, the following Clergy attended at the house of the Rector, at 9 o'clock, A. M., viz:

Right Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D.,
Rev. Asa Eaton,
Rev. James Morss,
Rev. Thomas Carlile,
Rev. Calvin Wolcott.

The Bishop took the chair, and the Rev. Thomas Carlile was appointed Secretary for the ensuing year.

The following Lay Delegates appeared and took their seats, viz:

Mr. John Sowdon, Christ Church, Boston.

Mr. David Stockbridge, Col. John B. Barstow, Mr. Snow Curtis, and Mr. Reuben Curtis, St. Andrew's, Hanover.

Mr. Luther Little, and Mr. Thomas Little, Trinity, Marshfield.

Agreeably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention, the following Parochial Reports were made:—

Christ Church, Boston, Rev. Asa Eaton, Rector: Baptisms, since the last Convention, 38; Deaths, 14; Marriages, 19; Communicants, from 220 to 230. The Sunday School continues to flourish, and the Church in general is in a state of increasing prosperity.

St. Paul's, Newburyport, Rev. James Morss, Rector: Baptisms, since the last Convention, 26; Deaths, 5; Marriages, 5; Communicants 86. Seventy children attend the stated catechising.

St. Peter's, Salem, Rev. Thomas Carlile, Rector: Families, about 100; Communicants, 52; Marriages, 5; Baptisms, 12; Deaths, 12.

St. John's Church, Lynn. Since the last Convention, a new Society has been organized in Lynn, by the name of St. John's Church. In August last the Sacraments were administered there —baptism to one, and the Lord's Supper to five persons. The Society is at present small, but there is a good prospect of its increase. A Lay Reader is constantly employed there. The report from this Church cannot be considered in every respect accurate, but the number of worshippers may be estimated at about 70; Communicants, 5; Baptism, 1.

Christ Church, Cambridge. The Rev. Mr. Otis continues to supply the desk. Number of families, about 20—single persons, about 40; Communicants, 12. A few females belonging to the Society have recently made a donation of $420, to be managed as an increasing fund, for the support of a minister—and this is the only circumstance of a prosperous nature relating to the Society which the Wardens are able to communicate.

(Signed,) Per order, Ab. Bigelow, *Scr. & Wd.*

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, Rev. Calvin Wolcott, Rector: Families, 85; Communicants, 40; Baptisms, 25; Burials, 4; Marriages, 1. The Sunday School consists of 120 scholars, and is flourishing.

—— *Church at Quincy:* Families, 30; Communicants, 10; Baptisms, 3.

Trinity Church, Marshfield: Whole number, 27; Burials, 2.

Voted, To proceed to the choice of a Standing Committee when the Rev. Asa Eaton, Rev. James Morss, and Rev. Thomas Carlile, and Messrs. John W. Treadwell, of Salem, George Jenkins, of Newburyport, and Stephen White, of Salem, were chosen the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The following gentlemen were chosen Delegates to the next General Convention: Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D., Boston, Rev. James Morss, Newburyport, Rev. Asa Eaton, Boston, and Rev. Thomas Carlile, Salem, and Col. George Sullivan, and Samuel Hubbard, Esq., of Boston, John Glen King, Esq., of Salem, and Dudley A. Tyng, of Boston.

Voted, That the Standing Committee have authority to fill any vacancies which may occur in the above delegation.

Voted, That the further consideration of changing the time for the meeting of the annual Convention, be postponed to the next meeting of this Convention.

Voted, To proceed to attend divine service at St. Andrew's Church, to assemble again for business at the Rector's house, immediately after.

Attended divine service. After prayers by the Rev. T. Carlisle, and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Morss, the Right Rev. Bishop proceeded to perform the Holy Rite of Confirmation, and to administer the Holy Communion. The services being closed, the Convention again assembled for business as was voted.

The Secretary was instructed to notify the gentlemen composing the delegations of their appointments.

Voted, That the following gentlemen be the Delegates to the Biennial Convention, next to be holden at Newport, R. I., viz:—Clergy,—Rev. Asa Eaton, Rev. Calvin Wolcott, Rev. Thomas Carlile, and Rev. James Morss. Laity,—Aaron Hobart, Esq., Hanover, Hon. Joseph Story,

Salem, Capt. Little, Marshfield, and Abraham Bigelow, Esq., Cambridge.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be authorized to fill any vacancy which may occur in the above delegation.

Voted, That the subject of the Missionary fund be referred to the Standing Committee, and that they be requested to comply with the instructions given last year.

Voted, That the next meeting of this Convention be holden at Cambridge, on the last Wednesday in June next, and that the Rev. Dr. Gardiner be requested to preach on the occasion.

Adjourned to meet at Cambridge, as above, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Attest,

THOMAS CARLILE, *Secretary.*

The following return was received after the doings of the Convention of 1819 were recorded :—

"Return from St. James's Church, Greenfield, and Trinity Church, Montague, Titus Strong, Rector: Baptisms, from Nov. 1, 1818, to Nov. 1, 1819, 23; Burials, 10; Confirmations, 9; Communicants in Greenfield, 51—Do. in Montague, 15. St. James's Church may still be considered in a prosperous condition. The congregation has been larger the season past than at any previous time. The prospect of future increase is not unfavorable. The members of the Church at Montague, though few in number, deserve much credit for their perseverance, having continued now for more than three years regularly to assemble on Sundays for public worship. But, unless they can receive assistance, they must decline, and will, I fear, soon lose their existence as a separate and distinct Parish. T. Strong."

Attest,

THOMAS CARLILE, *Secretary.*

JOURNAL, 1820.

At an adjourned meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, held at Christ Church, in Cambridge, June 28, 1820, divine service was performed—prayers were read by the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., and a sermon preached by the Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D.: after the administration of the Holy Communion, the Convention assembled in the body of the Church.

Present:—

Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

Rev. Asa Eaton, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

Rev. Calvin Wolcott, Rector, Hanover.

Rev. Cheever Felch, Dedham.

Rev. Thomas Carlile, Rector of St. Peter's, Salem.

Lay Delegates.

Joseph Foster, Esq., and Francis Brinley, Esq., Trinity Church, Boston.

Thomas Clark, John Sowdon, and Lynde Walter, Esq., Christ Church, Boston.

Dudley Atkins Tyng, and William Appleton, Esquires, St. Paul's Church, Boston.

Samuel Lawder, Esq., Dedham.

Snow Curtis, Esq., and M. Curtis, Esq., St. Andrew's, Hanover.

Capt. Luther Little, Marshfield.

William Winthrop, Esq., Cambridge.

The Rev. Dr. Gardiner was appointed President, *pro tempore*, and the Convention was organized, after the testimonials were read and approved.

This being an adjourned meeting, no Parochial Reports were made except from St. Paul's Church, Boston, and the Church at Dedham.

St. Paul's Church, Boston, Rev. S. F. Jarvis, D. D., Rector. This Church has been built within the last year. The first stone of the foundation was laid the 2d day of July, 1819. On the 4th of September following, the corner stone was laid with due solemnities, by the Right Rev. Bishop Griswold. In the month of February, 1820, an Act of Incorporation was passed by the Legislature of this State, and on the 12th of March following, the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis was duly elected Rector. The Church is now nearly finished, and will be consecrated, by divine permission, on Friday next, the 30th instant.

Voted, That the Clergy now present, not members of this Convention, be admitted to seats therein—whereupon, the Rev. Salmon Wheaton of Newport, and the Rev. Isaac Boyle, Deacon, were admitted.

Church at Dedham, Rev. Mr. Felch, Minister. In June, 1818, an Act of Incorporation was obtained. The Church was well repaired that summer, and opened for divine service on the last Sunday of October. Since that time, there have been 21 baptisms, and 3 marriages; and there are now 13 communicants—260 whole number of worshippers, including servants and chil-

dren. The prospect is good that this Church will soon be extricated from embarrassments. (See Mr. Felch's letter to the Bishop, on file.)

It was voted that Francis Brinley, Esq., be admitted to a seat, and requested to furnish the Secretary, as soon as convenient, with a certificate of his appointment.

A communication from the Secretary of the Convention of this Church in the State of Rhode Island, was read by the Secretary,—whereupon, it was resolved that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention of this Church, to report to the Convention of the Church in the Eastern Diocese an abstract of the Parochial Reports of the Ministers of the respective Churches in this Commonwealth, commencing at the present time, and that he acquaint the Secretaries of the Conventions of the different States composing the Eastern Diocese with this resolution.

The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, for himself and the Delegates from St. Paul's Church, asked and obtained leave of absence.

Voted, That the time of the meeting of the Convention of the Church in this State, be altered to the third Wednesday in June annually; and that the next meeting of the Convention be held at St. Paul's Church, in Dedham, at ten o'clock, on the third Wednesday in June, 1821.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to consider the expediency of presenting a petition to the Legislature of this Commonwealth, asking that permission be granted to all our settled Clergy, to solemnize marriages in towns where there is no Episcopal Clergyman residing; and, if said Committee deem it expedient, that they be authorized and requested to present such a petition at the next session of the General Court; and it was also

Voted, That Dudley A. Tyng, Esq., George Sullivan, Esq., and Samuel Hubbard, Esq., be this Committee.*

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to Dr. Gardiner, for his able and energetic discourse, this day delivered, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for the press.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Jarvis be requested to preach at the opening of the next Convention.

THOMAS CARLILE, *Secretary.*

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* Notified Sept. 18.

JOURNAL, 1821.

At the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Massachusetts, held at St. Paul's Church, in Dedham, on Wednesday, the 20th of June, 1821, the following gentlemen assembled at Mr. Gray's inn, at 10 o'clock, A. M., agreeably to notice previously given, viz :—

Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

Rev. Asa Eaton, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

Rev. James Morss, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Rev. Thomas Carlile, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Lay Delegates.

Stephen Codman, Esq., and W. Shimmin, Esq., St. Paul's, Boston.

John Sowdon, and Aaron Wright, Christ Church, Boston.

Walter McFarland, Esq., St. Paul's, Hopkinton.

Ephraim Sprague, and John Edson, Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

Samuel Lowder, Ezekiel Kingsbury, and George Dixon, St. Paul's, Dedham.

The Rev. Dr. Gardiner was chosen President of this Convention, and Rev. Thomas Carlile, Secretary, for the ensuing year.

The Convention, being organized, attended divine service at St. Paul's Church, where prayers were read by the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, of Lansingburgh, N.Y., and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Jarvis.

After services, the Convention assembled for business in the body of the Church.

Present, as above, and Mr. Thomas Clark, a Delegate from Christ Church, Boston.

Voted, That the Clergy and Lay members of the P. E. Church, not members of this Convention, be admitted to seats in the same—whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Dorr of New York, and Messrs. John Wilson and George Harris were admitted.

The Rev. James Morss and W. Shimmin, Esq., were appointed a Committee to nominate the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Secretary read a communication from Ashbel Baldwin, Secretary of the last General Convention, which was ordered to remain on file.

Agreeably to the 45th Canon, the following Parochial Reports were made:—

Trinity Church, Boston, Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D., Rector: From Easter, 1820, to Easter, 1821—Baptisms, 44; Marriages, 15; Deaths, 13. The number of Communicants varies from time to time. It is seldom less than one hundred, and on the great festivals of the Church often surpasses three hundred. This Church has always been and still continues flourishing.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham, vacant: Families, 43; Single persons, 24; Communicants, 12.

Christ Church, Boston, Rev. Asa Eaton, Rector: Baptisms, 49; Marriages, 32; Funerals, 16; Communicants, 200. Scholars in the Sunday School, about 150.

St. Peter's Church, Salem, Rev. Thomas Carlile, Rector: Baptisms, 15; Marriages, 10; Burials, 12; Communicants, 60; Families, 100.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport: Rev. James Morss, Rector: Baptisms, 14; Marriages, 6; Burials, 8; Communicants, 86; Families, 100.

St. Paul's Church, Boston, Rev. S. F. Jarvis, D. D., Rector. This Church was consecrated the Friday following the last Convention, and divine service commenced in it immediately after. On the 7th of July, the Rector was instituted. The Rector has not yet received an accurate statement of the number who regularly attend and consider themselves as members of the parish; but the following exhibits an estimate [so far] as can now be determined: Families, about 80; Baptisms, 21; Marriages, 2; Burial, 1. A confirmation was held by the Bishop of the Diocese, April 8, 1821, when 33 persons received that rite. Communicants, about 90. Persons who regularly attend the service, between six and seven hundred.

The Committee appointed for the purpose, reported the following list of candidates for the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, who were unanimously elected:— Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D., Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., Rev. Thomas Carlile, George Brinley, Esq., Stephen Codman, Esq., and Thomas Clark, Esq.*

Voted, The thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, for his excellent discourse this day delivered, and that a Committee be appointed to request a copy for the press.

Voted, That Mr. Codman, Mr. Lowder, and Capt. Mc Farland be a Committee for the above-named purpose.†

* Notified July 7, 1821. T. C.—Meeting July 25, at Dr. Gardiner's.
† Notified same day.

The following gentlemen were unanimously chosen, by ballot, Delegates to the next General Convention, viz: Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D., Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., Rev. James Morss, Rev. Thomas Carlile, Hon. Dudley A. Tyng, Hon. James Lloyd, George Sullivan, Esq., and Joseph Head, Esq.*

The Standing Committee were empowered and directed to fill any vacancies that might occur in the delegation to the General Convention.

Voted, That the next Convention of the Church in this State be held at Trinity Church, in Boston, and that the Rev. Calvin Wolcott be requested to preach on the occasion.*

Dr. Jarvis submitted the following resolutions, viz:—

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to revise the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this State, and to determine whether any, and if any, what alterations are necessary therein; and to report upon the same at the next Convention.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the state of the Journals of the Conventions of this State, and to have all or such of them printed as they may think proper.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Churches in this State, to have a contribution within six months from this date, (at the discretion of the officiating Clergyman of each Church, or, where there is no Clergyman, at the discretion of the Wardens and Vestry of each Church,) for the purpose of meeting the expense of printing or procuring the Constitution, Canons, and Journals of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and of the Diocesan Convention, and that of this State; and that the money so col-

* Notified July 7, 1821. T. C.

lected be placed for that purpose in the hands of the Standing Committee of this State, and that they be instructed to furnish each Church in the State with one or more copies of the same, at their discretion.

Resolved, That if there be any surplus money, after such expenses are defrayed, the same remain in the hands of the Standing Committee, to be applied to defraying the contingent expenses of the Convention.

The above resolutions, submitted by Dr. Jarvis, were adopted, and on the first and second resolutions the Clerical members of the Standing Committee were appointed.

Adjourned.

Attest, THOMAS CARLILE, *Secretary.*

The following Parochial Reports were not received during the session of the Convention, but are recorded, July 7, 1821:—

St. James's Church, Greenfield, Trinity Church, Montague, and St. John's Church, Ashfield, Rev. Titus Strong, Rector: Baptisms in the three parishes since Jan., 1820, 52; Burials in St. James's, during the same time, 4—do. in St. John's, 1; Marriages in St. James's Church, since last return, 4—do. in St. John's, 1; Communicants in St. James's, 51—do. in Trinity, 16—do. in St. John's, 18. The parishes of St. James's Church at Greenfield, and Trinity Church at Montague, have not materially varied in their condition since the last return. The latter may, however, be considered rather upon the decline, owing to its local situation and its want of success in obtaining missionary assistance.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, Rev. Calvin Wolcott, Rector: Families, 92; Communicants, 44; Baptisms, 8; Burials, 8; Marriages, 4. Sunday School flourishing.

Trinity Church, Marshfield: Families, 31; Communicants, 5; Worshippers, 200; Burials, 3. Sunday School flourishing.

A letter was received from the Rev. Edward Rutledge, dated at Springfield, June 11, and giving notice of the organization of a Church at that place.

JOURNAL, 1822.

At the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Massachusetts, held at Trinity Church, in Boston, on Wednesday, the 19th of June, A. D. 1822, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Present:—

Clergy.

Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D., Rector of Trinity, Boston.

Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., Rector of Christ, Boston.

Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's, Boston.

Rev. James Morss, Rector of St. Paul's, Newburyport.

Rev. Thomas Carlile, Rector of St. Peter's, Salem.

Rev. Titus Strong, Rector of ——, Greenfield.

Rev. Isaac Boyle, Rector of St. Paul's, Dedham.

Rev. Calvin Wolcott, Rector of St. Andrew's, Hanover.

Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Deacon, officiating at Newton.

Rev. George Otis, Deacon, officiating at Cambridge.

Lay Delegates.

Joseph Head, Esq., Trinity, Boston.

Thomas Clark, Esq., John Sowdon, Esq., and Aaron Wright, Esq., Christ, Boston.

Stephen Codman, Esq., St. Paul's, Boston.

Hon. D. A. Tyng, St. Paul's, Newburyport.

John Howard, Esq., Capt. John Babbidge, and Larkin Thorndike, Esq., St. Peter's, Salem.

Edward Whiting, Esq., Dedham.

Daniel Bassett, Hanover.

Allen C. Curtis, and Amos Allen, Newton.

Zach. G. Whitman, Esq., and William Rowson, St. Matthew's, South Boston.

Dr. John Drury, St. Michael's, Marblehead.

Ephraim Sprague, Trinity, Bridgewater.

Adjourned to attend divine service.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Isaac Boyle, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Calvin Wolcott.

After the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, the gentlemen before named assembled in the body of the Church, and the Convention chose for their

President, The Rev. James Morss;

Secretary, *pro tem.*, Rev. Titus Strong.

A communication from the Wardens of St. Peter's Church, in Salem, requesting an inquiry in relation to certain charges against the Rev. Thomas Carlile, their Rector, was read.

On motion of Dr. Jarvis, it was *Voted*, That any Clergyman or candidates or members of the Episcopal Communion, who may be present, and not members of the Convention, be admitted to the sittings of the same.

The proceedings of the last Convention were read and approved. *Voted*, To defer the consideration of the reports arising from the proceedings of the last Convention, in order to receive certain communications from Salem.

At the request of the Rev. Mr. Carlile, a letter was read to the Convention from Mr. J. W. Treadwell, to the Rev. Mr. Eaton, implicating the moral character of Mr. Carlile.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Carlile, it was *Voted*, That

a Committee be appointed, with power to call for persons and papers, in regard to the charges of Mr. Treadwell; and said Committee was instructed to report at the adjourned meeting of this Convention, at St. Peter's Church, in Salem, on the third Wednesday of July next.

A letter from the Wardens of St. Peter's Church, in favor of Mr. Carlile, was then read—and all the papers referred to the following Committee of inquiry, viz:—Rev. S. F. Jarvis, D. D., Rev. Isaac Boyle, Stephen Codman, Esq., Hon. D. A. Tyng, and Z. G. Whitman, Esq.

On request from the Lay Delegate from Newton, leave of absence was granted.

The following reports were read and accepted:—

I. The Clerical members of the Standing Committee, having been directed by the last Convention to revise the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this State, and to determine whether any, and if any, what alterations are necessary therein, and to report on the same to the present Convention, respectfully represent,—

That, in consequence of a proposition made at the last Diocesan Convention, held at Newport, Sept. 27, 1820, to consolidate the Diocese more effectually, by providing for annual Conventions of the same to be composed of all the Clergy, together with Lay Delegates, from all the Parishes in the Diocese; which proposition is to be acted upon at the next Diocesan Convention, to be held at Portsmouth in September; your Committee have been of opinion that it would be unadvisable to take any measures on this subject at the present Convention. They beg leave, however, to submit to the consideration of the Convention the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Clerical members of the Standing Committee appointed by this Convention, be directed to revise the Constitution and Canons of this Church, and to make such alterations therein as may be rendered necessary or expedient to render them conformable with such regulations of the Diocese as

may be made at the ensuing Diocesan Convention, and to report thereon at the next annual Convention.

(Signed,) JOHN S. J. GARDINER,
SAMUEL F. JARVIS,
THOMAS CARLILE.

II. The Clerical members of the Standing Committee having been appointed to inquire into the state of the Journals of the Convention of the Church in this State, and to have all or such of them printed as they may think proper, respectfully report:—

That they have examined the Journals, and find that in many respects they are unsuitable for publication. They are of opinion, however, that an abstract of the state of the Church might be profitably published, for the purpose of contributing to a more perfect view of the origin and growth of the American branch of the Protestant Episcopal Church. They beg leave, therefore, to offer the subjoined resolution, to be acted upon by the Convention:—

Resolved, That the Delegates appointed by the Convention to represent the Church of Massachusetts in the approaching Diocesan Convention be, and they hereby are, directed to propose that an abstract from the Journals of each State composing the Eastern Diocese be formed under the direction of the Convention of each State; that the same be entered on the Journals of the next Diocesan Convention, and that the whole be printed for the information of the Church in the United States.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) JOHN S. J. GARDINER,
SAMUEL F. JARVIS,
THOMAS CARLILE.

The following report was read and re-committed to the members of the Standing Committee:—

The Standing Committee appointed by the last annual Convention, having been requested to furnish each Church in the State with one or more copies of the Constitution, Canons, and Journals of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in

the United States, and of the Diocesan Convention, and that of this State, to be purchased with money to be raised by contributions in the several Churches, and to be placed in their hands, report :—

That they have received no money for that purpose, but have made inquiries of Messrs. R. P. & C. Williams, Booksellers, from whom they have received the statement herewith presented, which will enable the Convention to take order upon the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN S. J. GARDINER,
Chairman of the S. Committee.

Agreeably to the 45th Canon, the following Parochial Reports were made :—

1. *Trinity Church, Boston*, Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D., Rector: From Easter 1821, to Easter 1822—Baptisms, 30; Marriages, 10; Funerals, 33.

(Signed,) JOHN S. J. GARDINER, *Rector.*

2. *Christ Church, Boston*, Rev. Asa Eaton, Rector: Families, 83; Baptisms, 36; Funerals, 25; Marriages, 22; Communicants, 200; Sunday scholars, 140.

Boston, June 19, 1822.

3 *St. Paul's Church, Boston*, Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., Rector: Families, 111; Number of souls, 530; Baptisms, (adults 2, children 20,) 22; Marriages, 6; Burials, 6; Communicants, 115; Confirmations, 21.

4. *St. Peter's Church, Salem*, Rev. Thomas Carlile, Rector: Communicants, about 65; Baptisms, 18; Deaths, 15; Marriages, 8.

5. *St. Paul's Church, Newburyport*, Rev. James Morss, Rector: Families, 90; Baptisms, 30; Marriages, 8; Deaths, 8; Communicants, 86.

6. *St. Paul's Church, Dedham*, Rev. Isaac Boyle, Rector: Families, 46; Communicants, 25; Baptisms, 15; Deaths, 8; Marriages, 2. Since the institution of the present Rector, Nov. 22, 1821, five heads of families were admitted, and several single persons; 15 persons have also been received as communicants;

23 persons have been confirmed. A Sunday school was commenced the 16th instant, and 16 pupils were present.

7. *St. James's Church, Greenfield*, Rev. Titus Strong, Rector: Number of polls, 83; Families, 61; Communicants, 53; Baptisms, (adults 1, children 12,) 13; Burials, 4; Marriages, 8; Sunday scholars, 40. Parish Library consists of 320 volumes.

8. *St. John's Church, Ashfield*, Rev. Titus Strong, Rector: Communicants, 21; Families, 30; Confirmations, 24. This parish is gradually increasing, and its prospects are promising. (Vide Parochial report.)

9. *Trinity Church, Montague* has declined; but many of its members attend service occasionally at Greenfield. There are: Families, 8; Communicants, 15. The baptisms for Ashfield and Montague are included in the report of St. James's Church.

10. *St. Andrew's Hanover*, Rev. Calvin Wolcott, Rector: Families, 88; Communicants, 42; Marriages, 3; Baptisms, 3; Burials, 4. Sunday School flourishing.

11. —— *Church in Marshfield:* Families, 33; Worshippers from 300 to 400; Communicants, 10; Burials, 3.

12. —— *Church in Bridgewater:* Families, 20; Communicants, 4.

13. *St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.* This Church has been supplied principally by Readers, and has been shut only one Sunday and two parts, which was owing to inclement weather. Communicants, 20; Baptisms, 16; Deaths, 7; Worshippers, about 100. Sunday School flourishing.

14. *St. Mary's Church, Newton*, Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Deacon: Baptisms, (adults 9, children 26,) 35; Marriages, 2; Communicants, 20; Burials, 6; Sunday scholars, 59.

The following gentlemen were chosen Delegates to the Diocesan Convention:—Rev. John S. J. Gardiner, D. D., Rev. James Morss, Rev. Isaac Boyle, Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., Hon. D. A. Tyng, S. Codman, Esq., Joseph Head, Esq., and William Woart.*

* Certified to Dr. Jarvis.

The following gentlemen were appointed on the Standing Committee:—Rev. John S. J. Gardiner, D. D., Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., Rev. Isaac Boyle, George Brinley, Esq., Stephen Codman, Esq., and Thomas Clark, Esq.

The following gentlemen were chosen Delegates to the General Convention, viz:—Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D., Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., Rev. Asa Eaton, Rev. James Morss, Gardiner Greene, Esq., Joseph Head, Esq., William Appleton, Esq., and George Sullivan, Esq.*

The Standing Committee were authorized to fill such vacancies as may occur in the delegations to the Conventions.

The following complaint against the Rev. Cheever Felch, was submitted to the Rev. Mr. Morss, Rev. Dr. Jarvis, and Rev. Asa Eaton, to report at an adjourned meeting in July next.

COMPLAINT.

The undersigned Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Massachusetts, having heard many reports unfavorable to the moral character of the Rev. Cheever Felch, a member of this Diocese, and who is now a Chaplain in the service of the Navy of the United States, which reports seem to them to render an inquiry into his Clerical conduct necessary, now feel it their duty to make complaint to the Convention,—

That the said Rev. Cheever Felch, hath been, as they have been informed, guilty of disorderly, scandalous, and immoral conduct, neglect of duty, disregard of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and other offences, which justly expose him to the censure and punishment of the Church.

They therefore pray the Convention, that they will take such measures as their wisdom may direct, for bringing the said Rev.

* Certif.

Chocver Felch to trial, according to the Canons in that case made and provided.

(Signed,) SAMUEL F. JARVIS,
JAMES MORSS,
ASA EATON.

Boston, 19*th July*, [*June?*] 1822.

The following address and statement,* from the Directors and Treasurer of the Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society, were then submitted to the Convention :—

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Massachusetts :—

The Directors of the Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society, ask leave respectfully to represent to the Convention, the objects, condition and prospects of this Society, and to solicit their countenance and coöperation.

This Society was incorporated, by an Act of the Legislature, in 1815, by the name of "The Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society, and Trustees of the Massachusetts Episcopal Prayer Book and Tract Society." It was soon after organized, and has since been continued in existence by an annual election of officers on Easter Tuesday; but little else has been done until the present year. On the fourth of February last a meeting of the friends of the Church, called at the request of the Society, at which, and at an adjourned meeting, the subject was fully discussed; and measures were adopted to provide means to enable the Society to go into operation. Subscriptions were opened, from which a considerable sum has already been obtained, and more it is expected will be received. The sum of 565 dollars has been subscribed in this town, to be paid annually, and more than 300 dollars have been given in donations to the Society.

At the same meeting, a Committee was appointed to correspond with all the Episcopal Churches in the Commonwealth, for

* The statement of the Treasurer is on file.

the purpose of procuring the establishment of an auxiliary Society in each Church. A circular letter has accordingly been addressed to each Church, stating the objects of the Society, with a request for assistance. It is not yet time to expect a full return from all the Churches; but very encouraging accounts have been received from several, of the exertions which are making in behalf of this Society.

The objects of the Society are to assist the destitute Churches in our own State, in providing themselves with the means of religion, and, as we shall be able, to extend the same assistance to other destitute portions of our country, and hereafter, if sufficient funds should be provided, to other countries. It is also a prominent object to provide Prayer Books for the poor, either to be sold to them at a very low rate, or in some instances to be distributed gratuitously.

The funds now in hand will enable us to begin the prosecution of these objects, although on a very limited scale.

At the last annual meeting in Easter Week, the by-laws of the Society were revised, and provision was made that each of the several objects of the Society should receive their due share of attention. The Directors appointed a Standing Committee on the subject of Missions, and another for the purchase and distribution of Prayer Books and Tracts. The Committee for Prayer Books have procured a supply for immediate use, and will probably be always prepared to furnish them as they may be needed.

The Committee for Missions have not as yet been able to do more in the prosecution of the designs entrusted to them, than to collect some information as to the portions of our Church which stand in the most urgent need of aid from the Society. They have been prevented from doing more by the want of Clergymen to act as Missionaries. They do not find that there is a Clergyman of our Church in this Diocese, who is so disengaged as to permit his being employed in the service of the Society; we trust however that this obstacle will soon be removed by an application to the Bishops of some of the other Dioceses.

Under these circumstances, the Directors look with confidence to the Convention for their support and assistance. To build up

the waste places of our Church, and to extend the blessings of our holy religion to those who are destitute of its privileges, are objects so important that they cannot be regarded with indifference. We trust that what we have done will meet with the approbation of the Convention; and that they will concur with us in the hope that the subscription which has been begun in this town will prove but the commencement of a system of Christian liberality which shall extend through all our Churches.

For the Directors,

(Signed,) JNO. TEMPLE WINTHROP, *Secretary.*

Boston, June 17, 1822.

Whereupon, on a motion of the Rev. Titus Strong, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, it was

Resolved, As the sense of this Convention, that the organization of a Missionary Society, with a view to the necessities of destitute parishes in our Commonwealth and in distant places, is an event of the greatest importance to the welfare of the Church, and one which deserves, in the accomplishment of the object intended, the coöperation of all her members.

Therefore, *Voted*, That it be recommended to the Episcopal parishes in Massachusetts, to establish auxiliary societies, and to adopt all such means as their respective circumstances may warrant, for the purpose of giving constant and vigorous effect to the exertions which have been so happily commenced by an association whose labours are to extend to the needy and forsaken, the bread of everlasting life.

It was then moved by the Rev. Mr. Eaton, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, that the thanks of the Convention be and they hereby are returned to the Rev. Calvin Wolcott, for his sermon preached this day before the Convention, and that the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, and Rev. Mr. Eaton, be a Committee to request a copy to be inserted in the Gospel

Advocate. The Committee withdrew for a short time, and returned with their report, informing the Convention that the Rev. Mr. Wolcott would comply with their request.

The Rev. Isaac Boyle was appointed to preach before the next annual Convention.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Morss, for his able, faithful and impartial services, as President of this Convention.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Secretary, *pro tempore*, for his services.

After which the Convention adjourned for one month, to meet at St. Peter's Church, Salem, the third Wednesday in July.

(Signed,)

TITUS STRONG, *Secretary, pro tem.*

At an adjourned meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Massachusetts, held at St. Peter's Church, in Salem, on Wednesday, the 17th day of July, 1822.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Isaac Boyle.

The Bishop appeared and presided.

After prayers the Convention assembled for business in the body of the Church.

The Rev. Mr. Carlile's case was called up, on which the Committee of inquiry made the following report, which was unanimously accepted :—

The Committee appointed on the 19th day of June last, by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Massachusetts, to consider the communication from the Wardens

of St. Peter's Church, Salem, requesting an inquiry in relation to certain charges against the Rev. Thomas Carlile, contained in a letter from John W. Treadwell, Esq., to the Rev. Asa Eaton, ask leave to *report*:—

That, after due notice of the time and place appointed by them for the purpose, they met on the 15th of this instant, July, in St. Peter's Church in Salem, and fully heard the several allegations and charges against Mr. Carlile, and all the evidence in support of them, and all the evidence adduced by Mr. Carlile and his friends in his defence against the said allegations and charges: and as the result of their inquiry, they unanimously declare their opinion, that the charge of "gross and scandalous immoral conduct," as alleged against the Reverend gentleman above named, remains wholly unsupported by any evidence submitted to the Committee. And the Committee are therefore of opinion, that no further measures should be taken by the Convention relating to the subject referred to them.

While the Committee thus acquit the Rev. Mr. Carlile of the charge of immorality, they cannot forbear observing that the Reverend gentleman has frequently made pecuniary engagements which he has found himself unable to fulfil, and this to such a degree as at last to render him greatly insolvent. He has, however, in good faith made such a composition with his creditors as appears to have generally given them satisfaction, and has left him, in the opinion of his fellow citizens at large, without any stain upon his character other than that of extreme want of discretion and self-government, and carelessness in the management of his pecuniary concerns.

The Committee are sorry to add, that they have ground to fear that, from the embarrassments above alluded to, or from some other cause, Mr. Carlile has not always been sufficiently attentive to the discharge of his parochial duties.

Having exculpated Mr. Carlile from the accusation brought against him, the Committee think it their duty to add their conviction, that the gentleman with whom it originated was not actuated, in making it, by unworthy or malicious motives—the conduct of Mr. Carlile before referred to having been such as natur-

ally to cause impressions injurious to his moral character in the mind of a person of habitual correctness and punctuality.

All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee.

S. F. JARVIS, *Chairman.*

The Committee of inquiry on the Rev. Cheever Felch's case, made the following report:—

The Committee appointed to consider the complaint against the Rev. Cheever Felch, respectfully report,—

That they have made inquiry of several of the most respectable officers in the United States Navy on the Boston station, and of others who have been acquainted with the Rev. Cheever Felch during his residence at Dedham and Charlestown, and find that the following charges can probably be sustained against him by good and sufficient evidence. They therefore present the same to the Convention, as the charges against the Rev. Cheever Felch, to be presented to the Bishop, praying that he will cause the said Felch to be brought to trial thereon, according to the provisions of the Canons for that case made and provided.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL F. JARVIS,
JAMES MORSS,
ASA EATON,
} *Committee.*

Charges against the Rev. Cheever Felch, of the Eastern Diocese, and now a Chaplain in the Navy of the United States of America:—

I. First Charge: That the said Cheever Felch hath been guilty of disorderly, scandalous, and immoral conduct.

Specification 1. In that, during the time of his residence at Dedham, Charlestown, and elsewhere, while in the service of the United States Navy, he had been addicted to intemperate drinking and riot.

2. In that, during the same time, he hath been dishonest in his dealings, hath obtained money from various persons under

false pretences and with fraudulent intentions, and hath evaded by immoral artifices the payment of his just debts.

3. In that, during the same time, he hath been known to tell deliberate, gross and wilful falsehoods; and

4. In that, during the same time, his general conduct hath been such as to prevent respectable officers in the Navy from associating with or taking notice of him, to the great scandal of his profession, and injury of the Church of which he is a Minister.

II. Second charge: Neglect of duty.

Specification 1. In that, during his residence at Charlestown, and while attached to the Boston station, being required by the commanding officer to celebrate divine service in the Navy Yard two or three Sundays in every month, he conducted himself so irregularly as to defeat the design of having worship for the officers and their families, and the seamen and marines on the Boston station.

2. In that, during the same time, being in Priest's Orders, he hath lived in the habitual disuse of the public worship and of the Holy Eucharist according to the offices of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

III. Third charge: Disregard to the Canons of the General Convention.

Specification 1. In that, during his residence at Dedham and Charlestown, and while in the service of the United States Navy, he hath, in contravention of the 26th Canon, resorted to taverns and other places most liable to be abused to licentiousness other than for his honest necessities.

On motion of the Hon. D. A. Tyng,

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Rev. Mr. Felch's case be certified to the Bishop, that the charges therein contained may be prosecuted conformably to the Canons of the Church.*

Voted, That the Rev. Mr. Morss, and Rev. Mr. Eaton,

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* Original report certified and sent to the Bp. Feb. 18, 1823.

be a Committee to prosecute the charges against the Rev. Mr. Felch, before the Bishop and his council.*

Voted, That the vote appointing the next meeting of the Convention at Springfield, be reconsidered, and

Voted, That the next Convention be held at St. Paul's Church, Boston.

Voted, That the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Rev. James Morss, Gardiner Greene, Esq., David Sears, Esq., and George Sullivan, Esq., be nominated to the General Convention, as Trustees of the Theological Seminary at New York.

Voted, That the Rev. Thomas Carlile be Secretary for the ensuing year.

A true copy, from the minutes of the Rev. A. Eaton, Secretary, *pro. tem.*

THOMAS CARLILE, *Secretary.*

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* Certified to Dr. Jarvis, Feb. 18, 1828.

JOURNAL, 1823.

At the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Massachusetts, held at St. Paul's Church, in Boston, on Wednesday, the 18th June, A. D. 1823, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Morss, and a sermon delivered by Rev. Mr. Boyle. The Holy Communion was then administered by Bishop Griswold, Rev. Dr. Jarvis assisting.

At half past one, the Convention opened its session, with Right Rev. A. V. Griswold (*ex officio*) in the chair.

Present:—

Clergy.—14.

Rev. Dr. J. S. J. Gardiner, Trinity Church, Boston.
Rev. Dr. S. F. Jarvis, St. Paul's, Boston.
Rev. Asa Eaton, Christ Church, Boston.
Rev. James Morss, St. Paul's, Newburyport.
Rev. Titus Strong, St. James's, Greenfield.
Rev. Isaac Boyle, St. Paul's, Dedham.
Rev. A. L. Baury, St. Mary's, Newton.
Rev. George Otis, Christ Church, Cambridge.
Rev. Benjamin C. Cutler, Christ Church, Quincy.
Rev. Lot Jones, St. Michael's, Marblehead.

Rev. John L. Blake,* and Rev. Silas Blaisdell, Resident in Boston without cures.

Rev. George Leonard, of St. Paul's, Windsor, was present.

Lay Delegates.

Boston, Christ Church, Thomas Clark, John Sowdon, and Aaron Wright.

Boston, St. Paul's, Matthew S. Parker,* and John Odin.*

South Boston, St. Matthew's, Abraham Gould, Robert P. Williams, and William Bond.

Salem, John Howard.

Newburyport, Hon. D. A. Tyng.

Marblehead, Dr. John Drury, and Ralph French, Esq.

Hanover, Reuben Curtis, and Melzar Curtis.

Dedham, Edward Whiting, and Abner Guild.

Hopkinton, Walter McFarlan, Esq.

The Convention now assembled and seated in the body of the Church, proceeded to business.

Vote First. That the Clergy of this Diocese, and also Lay Readers of this Diocese, now present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

Second. By ballot, Rev. B. C. Cutler, Secretary, for the present year.

Third. To choose the Standing Committee by nomination.

Fourth. That the Standing Committee of last year be continued:—Dr. Gardiner, Dr. Jarvis, Rev. Mr. Boyle, Mr. G. Brinley, S. Codman, and T. Clark.

Fifth. To receive the Rules of Order made at the General Convention, 1820, May 17th, as the Rules of this Convention.

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* Absent during the morning session.

RULES.

(*Journal Gen. Con.* 1820, *p.* 10.)

1. The Morning Service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing; or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the Service of the house, unless he have leave or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the discussion.

8. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or postpone it; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment, shall be decided before the original motion.

10. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

Sixth. That a Committee be appointed, and that the Secretary be that Committee, to examine the records and see if any unfinished business remained on hand at the last Convention.

Seventh. That the thanks of this Convention be given to Rev. Mr. Boyle for his sermon delivered this day; and that he be requested to furnish a copy for the Gospel Advocate.

Eighth. That the Rev. Dr. Gardiner, and Rev. Mr. Eaton, be a Committee for this purpose.

Ninth. To adjourn until half past four.

At three o'clock the Convention dined at the Marlborough Hotel, and returned to business at 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Secretary then produced the unfinished business of the last Convention; and it was afterwards acted on.

Tenth. To excuse Rev. Dr. Gardiner, to attend a funeral.

Eleventh. At the motion of Dudley A. Tyng, Esq., supported by Rev. Dr. Jarvis, it was voted to choose a Committee to consider the expediency and the means of instituting a fund for the relief of the widows and children of Ministers of the Episcopal Church within this Commonwealth, and to report at the next Convention.

Twelfth. Gardiner Greene, Esq., Hon. James Lloyd, Dr. Warren, Thomas L. Winthrop, Esq., and George Sullivan, Esq., Committee on the above vote.

Thirteenth. Excused Allen C. Curtis of Newton, Dr. Drury, and Mr. French.

Fourteenth. That the following Clergymen and Laymen be Delegates from this State to the next General Convention; and that the Standing Committee be empowered to fill any vacancy in the same:—Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Rev. Mr. Boyle, Rev. Mr. Strong, John Odin, Esq., Gardiner Greene, Esq., Dudley A. Tyng, Esq., and Ralph French, Esq.

Fifteenth. Chose Mr. Matthew S. Parker, Treasurer of this State Convention.

Resolved, That this Convention approve of the resolution adopted by the last Diocesan Convention, requesting the Bishop to assign to the several Rectors of parishes within the Eastern Diocese, such missionary duties as he shall think expedient; and for the better carrying that resolution into effect, as far as this State is concerned, resolved, that the Bishop be and he hereby is requested to assign to the several Rectors such destitute parishes as it may be expedient for each of them to visit, and that due notice of the same be given to each Rector, to be communicated to his respective Vestry.

On Missionary labors.

Resolved, Whereas it is indispensable to provide a fund for defraying the necessary expenses of the Diocesan and State Conventions, and particularly the expenses of those of the Clergy who may have to travel a considerable distance to the place of the meeting of the said Conventions; and whereas it is also expedient to provide for the payment of the necessary expenses of the Delegates who shall be sent to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S. A.; it is hereby earnestly recommended to every congregation in this State, to pay to the Treasurer of the Convention thereof, on or before the day of the annual meeting of the Convention, a contribution of not less than two per cent. on the amount of the respective salaries of their Clergymen. One half of the amount thus contributed, if necessary, shall be appropriated, under the direction of the Convention, exclusively towards defraying the necessary expenses of Clergymen attending the Diocesan or State Convention from any distance over twenty miles;

On Diocesan Fund for travelling, &c.

and also the necessary expenses of the Clerical and Lay Delegates to the General Convention; and the remainder shall be appropriated to defraying contingent expenses. Provided, nevertheless, that no Clergyman or Lay Deputy shall be entitled to any provision for travelling expenses whose parish shall not comply with the provisions of this resolution. If, after the annual expenses are defrayed, any sum be left in the Treasurer's hands, it shall be his duty to deposit the same in the Savings Bank, or in good and approved Stock, that it may become a permanent fund for the use of the Convention.

A report of a Committee on revising Constitutions and Canons of this Church:—

The Clerical members of the Standing Committee, having been directed by the last annual Convention to revise the Constitution and Canons of this Church, and to report to this Convention such alterations therein as might be rendered necessary or expedient, to render them conformable with any new regulations of the Diocese which might be adopted at the then ensuing Diocesan Convention, respectfully report:—

That the alterations in the Constitution of the Eastern Diocese, proposed at the Convention held in Newport, R. I., Sept. 27th, 1820, were unanimously adopted by the Convention held at Portsmouth, N. H., Sept. 25, 1822. By these alterations, the State of Maine is recognized as a part of the Eastern Diocese, and the meetings of the Convention are to be held annually, instead of biennially, and to be composed of all the Clergy of the Diocese and a Lay Delegate from each Church.

These alterations not being considered as sufficient, others were proposed; but, by an Article of the Constitution, they could not be proposed and acted upon at the same Convention. The following proposed alterations were therefore ordered to lie over for consideration at the next meeting of the Convention, to be held at Windsor, in Vermont, on the last Wednesday of Septem-

ber, 1823, being the 24th day, viz:—In the second Article, that the words "each of the States by rotation," be erased, and the words "such place as shall be agreed upon at the preceding Convention," be inserted; also, that after the words "Lay Delegates," the words "or Delegates not exceeding three," be inserted. In Article tenth, that the word annual be substituted for biennial.

If these alterations should prevail, it will be perceived that a consolidation of the Eastern Diocese will be effected; provided that the experiment should not be defeated by unforeseen accidents, it will in fact bring the five State Conventions together; and that in such a case it will be expedient for the several State Conventions so to modify their Constitutions as to render the time and place of meeting simultaneous with that of the Diocesan Convention. As, however, these alterations are yet to be acted on, it seems to your Committee premature to make any alterations at present in the Constitution of the Church in Massachusetts, more especially as the object to be gained by such alteration may be provided for by adjournment.

Your Committee are confirmed in this opinion by the consideration, that the Bishop, at the late Diocesan Convention, recommended a division of the Diocese as soon as it can with propriety be effected. A late most important decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, with regard to certain lands in the State of Vermont, owned by the English Society for propagating the Gospel in foreign parts, a part of the income of which, it is understood, will be devoted to the support of a Bishop, will most probably accelerate this event. In this case, further alterations will be necessary in the Constitution of the Diocese.

Your Committee, therefore, pray that they may be discharged from any further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. J. GARDINER, *Chairman.*

The Standing Committee, to whom was re-committed the report of the last Standing Committee on the subject of furnishing each Church in the State with one or more copies of the Constitution, Canons, and Jour-

nals of the General, Diocesan, and State Conventions, report:—

That they have received no money for that purpose.

J. S. J. GARDINER, *Chairman.*

Sixteenth. That the Bishop appoint a preacher to the next Convention.

Seventeenth. That the next Convention be held in Trinity Church, Boston.

Eighteenth. That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the President.

Nineteenth. Also to the Secretary.

Twentieth. That the Secretary be requested to give information respecting all Committees.

Twenty-one. That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Boston members, for the dinner provided by them.

Twenty-two. To begin divine service at nine o'clock in the morning at the next annual Convention; and that notice thereof be given by the Secretary in the newspapers.

Twenty-three. To request the Bishop to pray and give his blessing at the close of this Convention.

BENJAMIN CLARKE CUTLER,
Secretary of Prot. Epis. Church in State of Mass.

Report of the state of the Church in Massachusetts, exhibited by the several Rectors and Clergy of the Churches assembled in Convention at St. Paul's Church, June 18, 1823.

Churches.	Places.	Rectors or Ministers.	Families.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Burials.	Marriages	Sunday Scholars.	
Trinity ch.	Boston	J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D.	No. very large	200	30	19	15		A week-day and Sunday charity sch.
Christ ch.	"	Rev. Asa Eaton	No. large	200	32	8	17	175	
St. Paul's ch.	"	S. F. Jarvis, D. D.	120	137	29	12	2	70	Church flourishing.
St. Matthew's ch.	"	T. Edson, A. B. Lay Reader	15	18	37	1	0	40	
St. Peter's ch.	Salem	Vacant		65	11	5			Its present state uncertain.
St. Paul's ch.	Newburyport	Rev. James Morss		83	20	14	5	90	
St. Michael's ch.	Marblehead	Rev. Lot Jones, offic. minis.	20	19	5	4	1		
St. Paul's ch.	Dedham	Rev. Isaac Boyle	50	33	13	4	0	32	
Christ ch.	Quincy	Rev. B. C. Cutler, off. m.	40	22	23	4	1	50	Church encouraging.
St. Andrew's ch.	Hanover	Rev. Calvin Wolcott	75	38	3	1	4	flourishing.	
Trinity ch.	Marshfield	"	30	5	0	0	0	0	Visited by Rev. C. Wolcott.
Trinity ch.	Bridgewater	"	24	4	4	0	0	flourishing.	
St. Mary's ch.	Newton	Rev. A. L. Barry	65	30	18	2	2	54	
St. James's ch.	Greenfield	Rev. Titus Strong	68	56	10	4	0	40	
St. John's ch.	Ashfield	Vacant	38	25	12	0	0	0	Visited by Rev. C. Wolcott and Rev. T. Strong. Prosperous.
Trinity ch.	Montague	Vacant	12	15	0	0	0	0	
Trinity	Lenox		50	51	22	3	1		These three churches are under the care of Rev. Aaron Humphrey. This report handed in Sept. 24, 1823.
St. Luke's	Lanesborough		40	52	9	7	5		
St. John's	Washington		5	3	2				
19 churches			652	1056	280	88	53	476	

Whole number of churches, 23; 16 of which were founded by the Society in England for propagating the Gospel in foreign parts.

Reported to the Convention of the State of Massachusetts, assembled in St. Paul's Church, Boston, June 18, 1823.

BENJAMIN CLARKE CUTLER, *Secretary.*

JOURNAL, 1824.

Convention of 1824. June 16th. Trinity Church, Boston.

Present:—

Right Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D., Bishop.

Presbyters.

Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

Rev. Mr. Eaton, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

Rev. Mr. Morss, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Rev. Mr. Strong, Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield.

Rev. Mr. Wolcott, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

Rev. Mr. Boyle, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

Rev. Mr. Baury, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton.

Rev. Mr. Blake, without a cure, residing in Boston.

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Deacons.

Rev. Mr. Blaisdale, without a cure, residing in Boston.

Rev. Mr. Cutler, officiating at Christ Church, Quincy.

Rev. Mr. Edson, officiating at —— Church, Chelmsford.

Rev. Mr. Potter, officiating at St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

Rev. Mr. G. Griswold, officiating at St. Matthew's, South Boston.

Rev. Mr. Muenscher, officiating at Christ Church, Leicester.

6—15 Clergy.

Lay Delegates.

S. D. Parker, Esq., Trinity, Boston.

Mr. Thomas Clark, Mr. John Sowdon, and Mr. Aaron Wright, Christ, Boston.

Mr. Francis Wilby, and Mr. James Merrill, St. Paul's, Boston.

Mr. Abraham Gould, and Mr. R. P. Williams, St. Matthew's, Boston.

Mr. John Howard, and Mr. John Babbidge, St. Peter's, Salem.

Mr. Edward Whiting, and Mr. Apollos Morris, St. Paul's, Dedham.

Mr. John Edson, and Mr. Ephraim Sprague, Trinity Bridgewater.

Hon. Dudley A. Tyng, St. Paul's, Newburyport.

Mr. George H. Apthorp, Christ Church, Quincy.

Mr. Luther Little, Trinity, Marshfield.

Mr. Daniel Bassett, St. Andrew's, Hanover.

Mr. Allen C. Curtis, St. Mary's, Newton.

Mr. Lyman Kendal, St. James's, Greenfield.

20 Lay Delegates.

9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Clergy and Lay Delegates assembled, by a vote of the last Convention, at this hour.

Prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Griswold, of St. Matthew's. Sermon by the Right Rev. the Bishop. The

Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Gardiner.

At half past twelve the Convention opened for business.

Vote 1.

That Lay Readers and candidates for Orders, now present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

2.

Chose the Rev. B. C. Cutler Secretary. (By ballot.)

3.

Chose Mr. J. C. Merrill of Boston, Treasurer.

4.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Strong of Greenfield, seconded by Dr. Jarvis, it was voted, to present the thanks of this Convention to the Right Rev. the Bishop, for his excellent sermon delivered this day before the Convention, and to request a copy for the press.

5.

That Dr. Jarvis, Rev. Mr. Morss, and Mr. Wilby, be a Committee on vote No. 4. This Committee reported that the Bishop wanted time for consideration.

6.

That the Rules of Order adopted at the Convention of 1823, be read and adopted for the Rules of this Convention.

7.

That a Committee be chosen, who shall bring in a *nomination* to the Convention of persons for the Standing Committee, and for Delegates to the next General Convention.

8.

That the Rev. Mr. Eaton, and the Hon. Dudley A. Tyng, be this Committee.

9.

That the nomination of the above Committee be ac-

cepted; and the following gentlemen be, and they hereby are, the representatives of this Convention:—

Delegates to the next General Convention:—Dr. Gardiner, Dr. Jarvis, Mr. Morss, and Mr. Boyle, Clerical; and Joseph Head, Esq., John Amory, Esq., Gardiner Greene, Esq., and Hon. E. S. Rand, Lay Delegates.

Standing Committee:—Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Rev. Mr. Boyle, George Brinley, Esq., Mr. Thomas Clark, and Francis Wilby.

10.

That the business of the last Convention be read.

11.

That the Secretary be a Committee to examine the records, and to report any unfinished business of the last Convention.

12.

A letter was read by the Secretary, from the Chairman of the Committee appointed by vote No. 11 of last Convention, to "consider the expediency and the means of instituting a fund for the relief of the widows and children of Ministers of the Episcopal Church in this State, and to report at this Convention;" in which letter said Committee decline considering the subject.

Voted, hereupon, that said Committee be discharged.

13.

Chose the following gentlemen to take the place of the above Committee:—The Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Rev. Mr. Strong, Hon. Dudley A. Tyng, Mr. Francis Wilby, and Samuel D. Parker, Esq.

14.

The letter from the Secretary of the General Convention of 1823, ordered to lie on the table.

15.

Appointed a Committee to confer with a Committee from the Missionary Society of this State, on the union of

the annual meetings of said Convention and said Society:—Rev. Mr. Eaton, Mr. J. C. Merrill, and Mr. S. D. Parker.

16.

Dr. Gardiner excused, to attend a funeral.

17.

The following resolve was presented by the Hon. D. A. Tyng; and past, in its present form, as a vote of this Convention:—

Whereas the *Church at Cambridge* is in so ruinous a condition, that divine service has been suspended therein for eighteen months last past; whereby the inhabitants of that town, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church, and those students in the University, who have been educated in the Church, have been, and still are, deprived of the privilege of worshipping God according to the ritual of their Church; and the said inhabitants, from the fewness of their number, are not able to meet the expense of making the necessary repairs of the Church; and whereas certain individual efforts have been made without effect for the purpose of putting said Church in decent repair for the restoration of divine worship therein; and whereas it is, in the opinion of this Convention, a matter of general concern to the Episcopalians in this Commonwealth, and elsewhere in the United States, that their sons should enjoy equal advantages at the University with the sons of those of other denominations of professing Christians;

It is therefore resolved, as the sense of this Convention, that a general and united effort ought to be made, by the members of our Church within this Commonwealth, to place the Church at Cambridge in a suitable state of repair, for the celebration of divine worship therein.

Resolved, That —— be a Committee to carry the object of this first resolution into effect; and that all sums

contributed for this object be remitted to the said Committee, who will take the necessary measures for the judicious expenditure of all sums received by them in repairing said Church. That the Committee consist of seven.

The President of the Convention appointed the following gentlemen a Committee on the above vote:—Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Rev. Mr. Eaton, Thomas Perkins, Esq., Samuel D. Parker, Esq., The Hon. Dudley A. Tyng, Mr. Francis Wilby, and Mr. J. C. Merrill.

The Secretary, appointed as a Committee to examine the records and report unfinished business, called the attention of the Convention to a vote of this Convention, in the year 1821, at Dedham, to express the thanks of the Convention to the Rev. Dr. Jarvis, for his excellent sermon, and to request a copy for the press.

18.

That a Committee be appointed, to inquire whether the printing of said sermon was ever paid for, pursuant to the above vote. That the Committee be, Mr. S. D. Parker and Mr. Francis Wilby,—who shall report at the afternoon session.

Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Trinity Church, 4 o'clock, P. M., 16th June.

The Convention assembled, and the Secretary read the Parochial returns from sixteen Churches.

The Committee on Dr. Jarvis's sermon reported for leave of further consideration.

19.

That the prayer of Committee on vote No. 17 be granted.

20.

That the next Convention meet at Trinity Church, Boston, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

21.

That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Boston members, for the dinner provided by them.

22.

That the Bishop's travelling expenses to this Convention be paid from the travelling fund.

23.

That the Bishop appoint a preacher to the next Convention.

24.

That the Bishop close this Convention with prayers.

State of the Church in Massachusetts, from the Parochial Reports to the Convention of 1824.

Churches.	Places.	Rectors.	Families.	Communicants.	Confirmed in Lent, 1824.	Baptisms.	Burials.	Marriages.	Sunday Scholars.
Trinity	Boston	J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D.	No. large	250		24	23	12	20
Christ	"	Asa Eaton, A. M.	80	200	56	55	21	18	150
St. Paul's	"	S. F. Jarvis, D. D.	123	166	50	38	14	8	80
St. Paul's	Newburyport	James Morss	95	83		15	8	4	60
St. Paul's	Dedham	Isaac Boyle	51	40		8	4	1	30
St. Mary's	Newton	A. L. Baury	70	57		15	4	2	68
St. Andrew's	Hanover	C. Wolcott	75	40	13	4	2	2	Flourishing.
Trinity	Marshfield	"	32	8	7	0	0	0	
Christ	Quincy	B. C. Cutler	53	43	18	28	6	2	50
St. James's	Greenfield	Titus Strong	68	56		14	1	4	
St. John's	Ashfield	Lot Jones	57	35		17	0	0	35
St. Peter's	Salem					2	7	2	Improving.
Trinity	Bridgewater		28	32		9	1	0	"
Christ	Leicester	Joseph Muenscher	35	12	7	5	0	1	"
St. Matthew's	South Boston	George Griswold	22	18	—	18	3	0	"
St. Paul's	Hopkinton	Wm. T. Potter	20	6	151	0	1	0	15
	Chelmsford	Theodore Edson	Just estab.						
Trinity	Lenox	Aaron Humphrey	50	51		22	3	1	This is a report for 1823.
St. Luke's	Lanesborough	"	40	52		9	7	5	
St. John's	Washington	"	5	3		2	0	0	
St. James's	Great Barrington								
St. Michael's	Marblehead								
Trinity	Montague								
Christ	Cambridge								
			899	1152		285	105	62	508

All the Churches are flourishing except Christ, Cambridge, Trinity, Montague, and St. Paul's, Hopkinton. B. C. CUTLER.

JOURNAL, 1825.

Convention of 1825. June 15. Trinity Church, Boston, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Clergy and Lay Delegates assembled, by a vote of the last Convention, at this hour.

Prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Strong of Greenfield. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Gardiner. The Communion was administered by Rev. Dr. G., assisted by Rev. Mr. Strong.

At eleven o'clock the Convention opened for business.

Present:—

Clergy.—18.

Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

Rev. A. Eaton, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

Rev. S. F. Jarvis, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

Rev. John L. Blake, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Boston.

Rev. James Morss, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Rev. Titus Strong, Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield.

Rev. Joseph Muenscher, Rector of Christ Church, Leicester.

Rev. Isaac Boyle, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton.

Rev. Theodore Edson, Rector of St. Anne's Church, East Chelmsford.

Rev. Calvin Wolcott, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

Rev. B. C. Cutler, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy.

Rev. Mr. George Otis, Deacon, Tutor in H. U., Cambridge.

Rev. Mr. William T. Potter, Deacon, residing at Boston.

Rev. Mr. T. S. W. Mott, Deacon, St. Michael's, Marblehead.

Rev. Mr. Wm. Withington, Deacon, St. Michael's, Ashfield.

Rev. Mr. Henry Wm. Ducachet, St. Peter's, Salem.

Rev. Mr. Silas Blaisdale, residing at Boston.

Lay Delegates.

Samuel D. Parker, Trinity Church, Boston.

Thomas Clark, John Sowdon, and Aaron Wright, Christ Church, Boston.

Francis Wilby, James C. Merrill, and Lynde Walter, St. Paul's, Boston.

Abraham Gould, Robert P. Williams, and Wm. Bond, St. Matthew's, South Boston.

John Howard, and John Babbidge, St. Peter's, Salem.

David Willard, Esq., William W. Draper, and Henry Chapman, Greenfield.

*Hon. S. P. P. Fay, and Joseph Foster, Esq., Christ Church, Cambridge.

*Dr. E. Starr, and Allen C. Curtis, Newton.

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* Absent.

Edward Whiting, and Apollos Morris, Dedham.
Reuben Curtis, and Daniel Bassett, Hanover.
Ephraim Sprague, Bridgewater.
James Anderton, and Thomas Bottomly, Leicester.
Luther Little, Marshfield.
Ralph H. French, and Samuel R. Trevet, Marblehead.
Walter McFarlane, Esq., Hopkinton. (Without a certificate.)

The Secretary having read the certificates of the above-named gentlemen, they were found members of the Convention, which at eleven o'clock opened for business.

Vote 1.

The Convention chose Rev. Mr. Eaton President. The Convention then voted, by ballot, for Secretary, and made choice of Rev. B. C. Cutler.

2.

That Lay Readers and Candidates for Orders, now present, be admitted to seats in this Convention.

3.

That the Rules of Order, adopted at the Convention of 1823, be read and adopted for the Rules of this Convention.

4.

To choose, and afterwards did choose, a Committee for nominating members of the Standing Committee, and Delegates to the next General Convention. This Committee reported in favor of the following gentlemen for the Standing Committee:—Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Rev. Mr. Boyle, Messrs. G. Brinley, T. Clarke, and F. Wilby. And for Delegates to the next General Convention:—Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rev. Dr. Jarvis, Rev. Mr. Blake, Rev. Mr. Boyle, Joseph Head, Esq., John Amory, Esq., Gardiner Greene, Esq., and Hon. E. S.

Rand. Which nomination was accepted by the Convention, and the above gentlemen were chosen.

5.

Mr. Benjamin Howard was chosen Treasurer of this Convention.

6.

Treasurer's report for the year 1824 read and committed, and afterwards accepted.

Committees appointed at the last Convention reported.

7.

The Committee on the subject of vote 18 of last Convention reported, and recommended the following vote to the Convention, which report was accepted, and the vote past :—

Voted, That a subscription paper be offered to the members of this Convention, to raise the sum of seventy-three dollars and seventy-five cents, to pay Mr. Joseph W. Ingraham, for 125 copies of the Rev. Dr. Jarvis's Convention sermon; and that those gentlemen, in particular, if any be present, who received copies thereof at the Convention of 1822, be requested to subscribe; and that the funds subscribed be collected by the Treasurer of this Convention, and paid over to J. Ingraham.

All which is respectfully submitted, by

SAMUEL D. PARKER,
In behalf of the Committee.

8.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention, to confer with a Committee to be raised for the same purpose by the Massachusetts Protestant Episcopal Missionary Society, on the practicability and expediency of holding the annual meeting of the Society at the same time with that of the Convention, respectfully report :—

That they have conferred with the Committee of the M. E. M. S., and agree with them in the opinion, that it is both practi-

cable and expedient to hold the annual meeting of the Society on the afternoon of the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention.

A. Eaton, *Chairman.*

Boston, June 15, 1825.

The above report was accepted.

9.

The Committee appointed to consider the expediency and the means of instituting a fund for the relief of the widows and children of Ministers of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, report:—

That of the five members composing this Committee, four were also appointed on the Committee relating to the Church at Cambridge. The importance of repairing that Church as speedily as possible, appeared so great, that they determined to give their undivided attention to that object until it should be accomplished. But as the subscription was not completed until a short time before the session of the present Convention, it was impossible then to give that attention to the questions relative to the formation of a fund for the relief of the widows and children of Clergymen which their magnitude demanded. The Committee, therefore, respectfully request the Convention to discharge them from the consideration of the subject, and to appoint a new Committee.

By order of the Committee.

Samuel F. Jarvis, *Chairman.*

This report was accepted.

10.

The Committee appointed to carry into effect the resolution of the last annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Massachusetts, relative to the Church in Cambridge, beg leave to report:—

That, having received an official notification of their appointment, from the Secretary of the Convention on the 22d June, they proceeded as speedily as possible to take the subject sub-

mitted to them under consideration. For this purpose they held their first meeting on the 16th July, and continued the same by adjournment to the 19th, at which time a communication to the Government of Harvard University was agreed upon and sent. To this, in consequence of unavoidable delays, they received no answer until the 9th of November, 1824, which occasioned a meeting on the 16th of that month, and another on the 18th. At this last, a circular was adopted and ordered to be published in the Gospel Advocate, as well as to be circulated separately in connection with a subscription paper. A copy of that Circular, embracing a summary of the Committee's proceedings, they herewith present, and desire that it may be considered as part of their report.

From this time till June, 1825, the Committee were engaged in obtaining subscriptions in Cambridge, Newburyport, and Boston; and they have the satisfaction to state, that the sum of three thousand dollars has been subscribed, and that they have authorized the Wardens of Christ Church, Cambridge, to take order for the repairing and finishing of the said Church, and to draw upon their Treasurer for the expenses thereof, not exceeding that sum.

The Committee have the pleasure to inform the Convention, that many gentlemen have not been called upon, who have, with much liberality, expressed their willingness to aid the Church at Cambridge, but who are desirous of doing it in some other form than that of finishing as well as repairing the edifice. In consequence of this suggestion, the Committee thought it right to provide that the surplus, should any remain over and above the amount required for the building, should be paid by them to the Trustees of donations to the Protestant Episcopal Church, to be held in trust by that body for the better support of the Rector. On reflection, however, it seemed to the Committee, that in doing this they would exceed the powers vested in them by the Convention. They determined, therefore, to report their proceedings as far as they had gone, and to ask for the appointment of a new Committee, with special power to receive whatever sums the pious and liberal members of our Church may

think proper to bestow for the better support of a Clergyman at Cambridge, and to pay over the same to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations, that they may be forever applied to the use aforesaid, and according to the true intent and purpose of the donors.

SAMUEL F. JARVIS,
ASA EATON,
THOMAS PERKINS,
SAMUEL D. PARKER,
FRANCIS WILBY,
JAMES C. MERRILL.

11.

This report was accepted, and the following gentlemen were chosen as a Committee, (with power to fill vacancies in said Committee,) for the purpose recommended in the above report:—Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., Rev. Asa Eaton, James C. Merrill, Esq., George Brinley, Esq., Joseph Foster, Esq., of Cambridge, George Bethune, Esq., and Francis Wilby, Esq.

12.

Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Joseph Foster, Esq., and S. D. Parker, Esq., were excused, to attend the annual meeting of the Directors of the Greene foundation.

13.

Rev. Mr. Eaton, Rev. Dr. Jarvis, and Rev. Mr. Baury, be a Committee to confer with Mr. McFarlane on the state of the Hopkinton Church.

14.

Mr. Clarke, Mr. Brinley, and Mr. Sowdon, be a Committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

15.

Rev. Mr. Cutler be first, and Rev. Mr. Baury be second preachers for next Convention.

16.

The next meeting of the Convention be held at St. Paul's Church, Boston, at 9 o'clock. This to be published in the Gospel Advocate and in the newspapers.

The Convention was then closed by prayers from the President; and agreed, by vote, to attend the annual meeting of the Missionary Society, to be held in the afternoon.

BENJ. C. CUTLER, *Secretary.*

State of the Church in Massachusetts, from the Parochial Reports to the Convention of 1825.

Churches.	Places.	Rectors.	Families.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Burials.	Marriages	S. S. Scholars.	
Trinity	Boston	J. S. J. Gardiner		200	28	23	14		
Christ	"	Asa Eaton		200	50	28	22	140	
St. Paul's	"	S. F. Jarvis	125	191	42	22	6	100	
St. Matthew's	"	J. L. Blake	30	20	4	5	4		
St. Peter's	Salem	H. W. Ducachet	86	70	41	18	2	60	Flourishing.
St. Paul's	Newburyport	James Morss	105	89	22	17	2	50	
St. John's	Ashfield	Wm. Withington	37	32	1	5	2		The frame of a church has been raised here this spring.
Trinity	Montague		16						
St. James's	Greenfield	Titus Strong		57	4	12	3	30	3 confirmed.
St. Mary's	Newton	A. L. Baury	70	70	21	1	1	75	21 confirmed.
St. Paul's	Dedham	Isaac Boyle	50	40	5	1		20	
Christ	Leicester	Jos. Muenscher	35	20	17	4			
St. Anne's	Chelmsford	Theodore Edson		12	3	1		30	A new stone church lately erected.
Christ	Quincy	B. C. Cutler	60	56	11	5	2	60	
St. Andrew's	Hanover	C. Wolcott	81	50	8	4	9	60	
Trinity	Marshfield		31	8		2			Preparing to rebuild the church.
Trinity	Lenox	Aaron Humphrey	50	51					
St. Luke's	Lanesboro'	"	40	52					This is a report for 1823.
St. John's	Washington	"	5	3					
St. James's	Great Barrington	Solomon Blakesly							
St. Michael's	Marblehead	T. S. W. Mott							
Christ	Cambridge								
St. Paul's	Hopkinton								
			821	1221	257	148	67	625	

CIRCULAR

[Prepared and circulated by the Committee on the state of the Church in Cambridge and presented to the Convention as part of their Report. See page 193.]

Sir,—At the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Massachusetts, held in Trinity Church in the city of Boston, on Wednesday the 16th of June, 1824, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted; the Committee therein named having been appointed by the Bishop as President of the Convention:—

"Whereas the Church at Cambridge is in so ruinous a condition that divine service has been suspended therein for eighteen months last past, whereby the inhabitants of that town in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church, and those students in the University who have been educated in the Church, have been, and still are, deprived of the privilege of worshipping God according to the ritual of this Church; and the said inhabitants, from the fewness of their number, are unable to meet the expense of making the necessary repairs of the Church:

"And whereas certain individual efforts have been made without effect for the purpose of putting said Church in decent repair, for the restoration of divine worship therein:

"And whereas it is, in the opinion of this Convention, a matter of general concern to the Episcopalians in this Commonwealth and elsewhere in the United States, that their sons should enjoy equal advantages at the University, with the sons of those of other denominations of professing Christians:

"It is therefore *resolved*, as the sense of this Convention, that a general and united effort ought to be made by the members of our Church within this Commonwealth, to place the Church at Cambridge in a suitable state of repair, for the celebration of divine worship therein.

"*Resolved*, That the Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., the Rev. Asa Eaton, Thomas Perkins, Esq., the Hon. Dudley Atkins Tyng, Samuel Dunn Parker, Esq., Mr. Francis Wilby, and James

C. Merrill, Esq., be a Committee to carry this resolution into effect; and that all sums contributed for this object, be remitted to the said Committee, who will take the necessary measures for the judicious expenditure of all sums received by them in repairing said Church."

The first meeting of this Committee was held on the 16th of July, when it was resolved to make application in the first place to the Government of Harvard University; the Committee being desirous to take all measures for the accomplishment of their object, not only with the concurrence, but also with the express approbation and support of that Corporation. In pursuance of this resolution, the following letter, signed by all the members of the Committee, was sent a few days after.

To the President and Fellows of Harvard University:—

GENTLEMEN,—The undersigned, a Committee of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Massachusetts, respectfully beg leave to place before you a copy of certain votes passed by the Convention relative to the Episcopal Church in Cambridge, and to solicit the aid of the institution over which you preside, in conjunction with the friends and proprietors of the Church, in effecting the repairs of that edifice.

From a careful estimate, it is ascertained that the sum of three thousand dollars will be necessary for the purpose. So large a sum cannot probably be obtained without extending our appeal beyond the Episcopalians of this State; and we know not where we can with more propriety commence our application than by addressing the governors of that institution, a considerable portion of the members of which will be benefited by the result.

The sons of Episcopalians who have resided at the University for several years past have not been less than one seventh of the whole number of students. To the parents of so numerous a body it will doubtless be gratifying, that their sons should enjoy the privilege of worshipping God according to the ritual of their own Church; and the fact that Harvard University should have aided in securing to Episcopalians that privilege, could not but

operate as an inducement to many, to select for the education of their sons, a seminary preëminent in other advantages.

In making this application, it is encouraging to us to have been assured by the respected President of Harvard University, that the corporation "are sincerely disposed to join in measures for such an object, and do what they can for its attainment."

We are, &c.

To this letter the Committee have had the satisfaction to receive the following answer, addressed by the President of the University to their chairman:—

Harvard College, Nov. 9, 1824.

Dear Sir,—At a late meeting of the Corporation of Harvard College, the Board took into consideration your note and statements in regard to the design of repairing the Episcopal Church. The Corporation are much gratified at the prospect of this Church being reëstablished. They are disposed to concur in the measure, and give aid as far as in their power. They have accordingly authorized the Treasurer, in behalf of the Corporation, to subscribe three hundred dollars towards the object.

With great esteem and regard, I am, &c.

John T. Kirkland.

Rev. Dr. Jarvis.

Encouraged by this expression of good will, the Committee no longer hesitate to bring the subject before the public, and to urge the reasons which, in their estimation, and they trust in the estimation of their fellow Christians, will be sufficient to induce them to contribute their aid to reëstablish the Church at Cambridge.

To the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church a concise history of the Church will show its claims on their benevolence.

About the year 1759, several gentlemen of the town of Cambridge, members of the Church of England, petitioned the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel to grant them a missionary, "who might officiate not only for them, and other members of the Church of England in the adjacent towns, but also to such

students of Harvard College as were of the Episcopal Church, and who were then obliged, at a great inconveniency, to go to Boston for an opportunity of public worship, according to the Liturgy of the Church of England." This petition was granted by the Society, and the Rev. Mr. (afterwards Dr.) Apthorp, appointed to the mission. The Church was opened the first time for divine service in October, 1761. Dr. Apthorp was succeeded by Mr. Serjeant, who continued at Cambridge till the revolution. Since that period there has been no settled Clergyman, and during the war the Church was deserted and almost ruined. Its fine organ was plundered of its pipes, and the building itself, so beautiful for its architectural symmetry, was defaced and left to decay. On the return of peace, a few gentlemen of the congregation who still remained, encouraged by Dr. Parker, then Rector of Trinity Church, Boston, and afterwards Bishop of the State, who with characteristic zeal offered occasionally to visit them, took measures to fit the Church for service. The repairs, however, were slight and temporary; but slight as they were, they were productive of much good. The service and sermons were read every Sunday by resident graduates of the University, who were thus supported, while they prepared themselves for Holy Orders. Of this number was the late lamented Bishop Dehon, who was afterwards an instrument, under Divine Providence, of such extensive usefulness, and whose writings are a treasure which the whole Church combine to acknowledge and appreciate.

But while the Church at Cambridge was thus useful, as an initiatory school to candidates for Holy Orders, the want of a pastor prevented the flock from increasing, with the increase of population, while its numbers were constantly diminished by deaths and removals. There are still, however, a few remaining, who are ardently attached to our worship, and who mourn for the privations they are obliged to suffer. For the Church is now in so ruinous a condition, that during nearly two years there has been a total suspension in it of all religious services.

But much as the few Episcopalians at Cambridge deserve our sympathy, it is not on their account that the Committee make

their most forcible appeal. The resuscitation of this Church is an object which now derives its chief importance from the number of Episcopal students at Harvard University. They have amounted for a series of years to one seventh of the whole number, and at the time in which the Church was closed, there were at the least forty-five, a large proportion of which were from the southern and middle States. The Church at Cambridge is therefore to be considered as a Chapel for Episcopal students, and as such a subject of general interest. If the influence of early impressions and habits be properly considered, the state of this Church will produce a feeling of anxious solicitude in the bosom of every parent in our communion who wishes to have his children enjoy the advantages which that distinguished and richly endowed University offers.

To their brethren of other denominations, who may be disposed to contribute towards this benevolent object, the Committee beg leave to present the following considerations. By repairing this Church, and providing for regular worship in it, no injury can be inflicted on any other society or religious body. It is well known that in the Episcopal Church there is not a proselyting spirit. Ardently attached as we are to her institutions; believing, as we do, that they are of divine origin; and desirous as we are to see all men unite in what we believe to be so excellent; there is no disposition to molest others because they differ from us in sentiment. We only ask to be placed upon the same level as to religious advantages with others. We ask that our sons may enjoy the benefits which the celebrated University at Cambridge offers, without our being subjected to the loss of those Christian privileges which all others possess. The students are not allowed to come to Boston to attend divine service; and the Episcopalians, their own Church being closed, are required to attend constantly at the College Chapel. We ask those who differ from us in doctrine or in forms of worship, to make the case their own, by supposing their sons to be subject to similar restrictions. We think we cannot make a more effectual appeal than this to any who seriously and reflectingly profess and call themselves Christians.

To the friends of Harvard University, in particular, the Committee think they may appeal with peculiar propriety, confident that, when facts are fully known, they shall not appeal in vain.

It has been already stated, that for a series of years the number of Episcopal students at the University was about one seventh of the whole number; and that at the time when the Church was closed, there were at the least forty-five, most of whom were from the Southern and middle States. The next year, while the whole number of students was smaller, the proportion of Episcopalian students had increased. From inquiry among them it was found that from fifty-two to fifty-five were to be so denominated. All these had come to Cambridge under the impression that there was an Episcopal Church which they might attend, as stated on the circulars containing the terms of admission to the University. Instead of this, they found the Church in ruins, and their parents have of course been informed that they were obliged to attend the College Chapel. The present year the number of students from the southern and middle States has greatly decreased; and it has come within the knowledge of the Committee, that several distinguished persons have declined sending their sons to the University from religious motives. The power of these motives will be fully understood, when it is known that as a literary institution Harvard University is most highly valued in the southern States. The Committee hesitate not to say that there is an affectionate feeling towards it; a feeling not far remote from that veneration which is cherished here, and which every inhabitant of Massachusetts, who wishes well to the interests of learning, must desire to see extended. But to accomplish this desirable object the impediments must be removed; and one great impediment will be removed if the Episcopal Church at Cambridge is placed on a solid and permanent basis. Setting aside all other considerations, therefore, the very interests of the University require the immediate resuscitation of the Church; and it would not have been money ill laid out, if the whole expense of repairing it had come from the College treasury.

By an estimate made under the direction of the Wardens of

the Church, it appears that three thousand dollars is the least sum which will be required to put the building in good repair. But, large as that sum is, the Committee are sanguine enough to hope that the benevolence of the public will not be limited by that sum. It is important for the interests of the College as well as of the Church, that a Clergyman should be permanently established there, of such respectable character as to secure the esteem of the faculty, the affections of the students, and the entire confidence of the parents. He should be respectable for his attainments in science and learning, and courteous and winning in his manners, as well as exemplary for his piety and prudence. But the services of such a Clergyman cannot be obtained, unless he shall be placed in respect to salary on a level with the officers of the University. It is possible that one may be found whose private fortune will place him above such considerations, and who will consider the good he may accomplish as a sufficient reward for his exertions. But it is evident that no reliance can be placed upon so precarious a contingency; and the Committee therefore feel it their duty to urge the importance of providing at least an incipient fund for the support of the Minister. All sums, therefore, which may be subscribed over and above the three thousand dollars requisite for repairing the Church, will be made over to the Trustees of Donations to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Massachusetts, to be held by them in trust for the specific object of increasing the salary of the Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge. The respectable and permanent character of this Corporation is well known throughout the Eastern Diocese; but for the satisfaction of persons at a distance, the Committee think it proper to state, that to the same Corporation is confided the care of the Bishop's fund, and that of the Church lands in the State of New Hampshire. If, therefore, any benevolent individuals should feel disposed to contribute of their abundance for the support of a parish, which, consisting of young men from every quarter of the Union, may be considered as a nursery containing the germs of many other parishes, they may feel the most perfect confidence that their bounty will not be dissipated, nor diverted from its proper use.

It is with such views of the importance of reviving the Church at Cambridge, as it regards the interests both of religion and learning, that the Committee are induced to apply to you, and to solicit your aid in circulating the foregoing information, and procuring subscriptions to the accompanying paper. Should you comply with their wishes, they further request that you will return the subscription paper as soon as may be convenient and expedient.

SAMUEL F. JARVIS,
ASA EATON,
THOMAS PERKINS,
DUDLEY A. TYNG,
SAMUEL D. PARKER,
FRANCIS WILBY,
JAMES C. MERRILL.

At a recent meeting of the Committee, James Bowdoin, Esq. was elected Treasurer.

JOURNAL, 1826.

Convention of 1826. June 21. St. Paul's Church, Boston, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Clergy and Delegates assembled, by a vote of the last Convention, at this hour.

Prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Edson, of Lowell. Sermon by Rev. B. C. Cutler, of Quincy; and the Communion was administered by Rev. Dr. Gardiner, assisted by Rev. B. C. Cutler.

At twelve o'clock, A. M., the Convention opened for business.

Present:—

Clergy.—12.

Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

Rev. Asa Eaton, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

Rev. John L. Blake, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

Rev. James Morss, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Rev. Isaac Boyle, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

Rev. Calvin Wolcott, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

Rev. Theodore Edson, Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

Rev. B. C. Cutler, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy.

Rev. Silas Blaisdale.

Rev. George Otis, Deacon, Tutor in Harvard College.

Rev. William Withington, officiating at Ashfield.

Rev. George Griswold, officiating at St. Paul's Church, Boston.

Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, officiating at Sutton.

The Secretary then read their certificates, and the following gentlemen were found Lay Delegates to this Convention, twenty-six in number: from

Trinity Church, Boston, S. D. Parker, Esq.

St. Paul's Church, Boston, J. C. Merrill, Stephen Codman, and Lynde Walter, Esquires.

Christ Church, Boston Messrs. Thomas Clark, John Sowdon, and John Wilson.

St. Matthew's, South Boston, Messrs. Abraham Gould, R. P. Williams, and Wm. Bond.

Christ Church, Leicester, Mr. Francis Wilby.

Christ Church, Cambridge, Joseph Foster, Esq.

Christ Church, Quincy, Mr. George Vesey.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham, Messrs. Edward Whiting, and Apollos Morris.

St. Peter's, Salem, Messrs. John Howard, and John Parnell.

St. Mary's, Newton, Mr. Amos Lyon.

St. Paul's, Hopkinton, Rev. John Davis.

St. Michael's, Marblehead, Hon. Ralph H. French.

St. Andrew's, Hanover, Melzar Curtis, Esq., Mr. Daniel Bassett, and Mr. Edward Wilder.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater, Messrs. Ephraim Sprague, John Edson, and Zoroaster Edson.

Vote 1.

The Convention chose Rev. Dr. Gardiner President.

2.

By ballot, chose Rev. B. C. Cutler Secretary.

3.

Chose Thomas W. Phillips, Esq., Treasurer.

4.

That Clergymen from other Dioceses, now present, be admitted to seats in this Convention. Accordingly, the Rev. William Barlow of the Diocese of South Carolina, the Rev. John Davis of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Eleazar M. P. Wells of Connecticut, took their seats as honorary members of this Convention.

5.

That the Rules of Order, adopted at the Convention of 1823, be read and adopted for the Rules of this Convention.

6.

To choose, by ballot, the Standing Committee:—whereupon the following gentlemen were found to be duly elected:—Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rev. Mr. Boyle, Rev. Mr. Edson, S. D. Parker, Esq., Mr. Thomas Clark, and Dr. J. C. Warren.

7.

That Messrs. Parker, Merrill, and John Edson, be a Committee to nominate Delegates to the next General Convention. The following nomination was reported and accepted:—Rev. Mr. Morss, Rev. Messrs. Boyle, Cutler, and Edson, Gardiner Greene, Stephen Codman, Edward A. Newton, and R. H. French, Esquires.

The former Treasurer, Mr. Merrill, reported verbally, that he had in his hands a small amount of money belonging to the Convention, which he was ready to pay over to the Treasurer.

8.

That the Standing Committee have power, at any time before the meeting of the General Convention, to fill up any vacancy which may happen from any cause in the number of Delegates: and the person or persons thus elected to fill such vacancy be considered as chosen by this Convention.

A motion was made to change the meeting of this Convention, from the third Wednesday in June to the week of the General Election. This motion was ordered to lay on the table.

9.

That Messrs. Merrill, Wilby and Williams, be a Committee to nominate a preacher for the next Convention.

The following nomination was reported and accepted: —Rev. Mr. Baury, for the first, and Rev. Mr. Edson, for the second preacher.

10.

Rev. Mr. Barlow, from the Diocese of South Carolina, was called upon by the President to lay before the Convention his proposed plan; whereupon the following resolution was offered by Rev. Mr. Griswold, and past by vote:—"*Resolved*, That this Convention approve of the establishment of the American Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and recommend it to the friends of the Church in this State. *Resolved*, That the following gentlemen be and they hereby are a Committee to further this object:—Rev. Messrs. Eaton, Morss, Edson, and Cutler, and Messrs. Merrill, Parker, and Sowdon."

11.

Resolved, That this Convention approve of the Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society, and recommend the friends of the Church to attend its meetings.

12.

Voted, That the next Convention meet in Trinity Church, Boston, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

State of the Church in Massachusetts, from the Parochial Reports to the Convention of 1826.

Churches.	Places.	Rectors.	Families.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Burials.	Marriages.	S. S. Scholars.	
Trinity	Boston	J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D.		200	21	23	18		
Christ	"	Asa Eaton		200	74	17	23	100	Prosperous. In 1824 there were 80 families in this Church.
St. Paul's	"		125	191				100	Report to the Convention of 1825. Rev. Alonzo Potter, of Union College, S—., has accepted the call of this Church.
St. Matthew's	"	J. L. Blake	30	25	8	9			Flourishing.
St. Peter's	Salem		80	76	13	20	7	40	13 persons were confirmed in February last.
St. Michael's	Marblehead	T. S. W. Mott	45	27	10	2	3	30	9 " " "
St. Paul's	Newburyport	James Morss	90	89	16	12	2	50	
St. Paul's	Dedham	Isaac Boyle	50	40	2	2		20	
St. Mary's	Newton	A. L. Baury	70	71	13	3	2	67	
Christ	Quincy	B. C. Cutler	70	64	16	16	2	60	The prospect of establishing a flourishing Ch. here is good.
St. Andrew's	Hanover	C. Wolcott	75	50	4	6	2		Flourishing.
Trinity	Marshfield		20	8		1			Building a new church under favorable circumstances.
Christ	Leicester	J. Muenscher	40	18	3	6	1	30	Prospects encouraging.
St. Anne's	Lowell	T. Edson							
St. John's	Ashfield		37	32					Report of last year.
St. James's	Greenfield	T. Strong		57					" "
St. Luke's	Lanesboro'	Aaron Humphrey							
St. John's	Washington	"							
St. James's	Great Barrington	Solomon Blakesly							
St. Paul's	Hopkinton								
Christ	Cambridge	G. Otis							Just repaired, and to be opened on the 1st of July for pub-
Trinity	Lenox								[lic worship.
Trinity	Montague		16						1825.
29			748	1148	180	117	60	497	

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Convention of 1827. June 20th. Trinity Church, Boston, 9 o'clock, A. M.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Massachusetts, the Clergy and Lay Delegates assembled at this hour, by a vote of the last Convention.

Prayers were read by Rev. Thomas W. Coit of Salem.

Sermon by Rev. Theodore Edson of Lowell.

The Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Mr. Coit.

At twelve o'clock, a list of the Clergy entitled to seats was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names and took their seats:—

Bishop, Right Rev. A. V. Griswold.

Presbyters, 11—*Deacons*, 4.

J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D.,
James Morss, D. D.,
Rev. Asa Eaton,
Rev. Alonzo Potter,
Rev. John L. Blake,
Rev. Isaac Boyle,
Rev. Calvin Wolcott,
Rev. B. C. Cutler,
Rev. Theodore Edson,

Rev. Silas Blaisdale,
Rev. Thomas W. Coit, (Deacon,)
Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, (Deacon,)
Rev. George Otis,
Rev. B. C. C. Parker, (Deacon,)

Rev. James Morss Tappan, Deacon, having been ordained in presence of this Convention, took his seat.

Rev. George Leonard of the State of Vermont, Rev. Mr. Freeman of the State of Ohio, and Rev. E. M. P. Wells of Maine, took honorary seats.

Lay Deputies.—27.

From

Trinity Church, Boston, S. D. Parker, and Henry Hubbard.

St. Paul's Church, Boston, Stephen Codman, and Lynde Walter.

Christ Church, Boston, Thomas Clark, John Sowdon, and John Wilson.

St. Matthew's Church, Boston, R. P. Williams, and Abraham Gould.

Christ Church, Cambridge, Joseph Foster, and Isaac Lam.

St. Mary's Church, Newton, Amos Lyon, and A. C. Curtis.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham, Abraham Guile, and A. F. How.

Christ Church, Quincy, George Vesey.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, Daniel Bassett, Levi Sturtevant, and Levi Curtis.

Trinity Church, Marshfield, Luther Little, and A. Tilden.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

St. Peter's Church, Salem, John Howard, and H. K. Oliver.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, Isaac Adams, Esq.

Christ Church, Leicester, Henry K. Newcomb.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater, John Edson, E. Sprague, and Z. Edson.

St. James's Church, Greenfield.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

On motion, the Convention went into the election, by ballot, of a Secretary: and the Rev. B. C. Cutler was chosen.

On motion, the Convention chose, by nomination, Thomas W. Phillips, Esq., Treasurer.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Clergymen and candidates for the ministry in the Church, from other States, and also other members of our Communion, who may be present, be entitled to honorary seats in this Convention.

On motion, the proceedings of the last Convention were read.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted and read as the Rules of Order of this Convention.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee, by balloting, when the following gentlemen were chosen:—Clergy,—Rev. J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D., Rev. Isaac Boyle, and Rev. Theodore Edson.—Laity,—S. D. Parker, Esq., Thomas Clark, Esq., and J. C. Warren, M. D.

On motion, the Convention chose, by nomination, for a Committee to report Delegates to the next General Convention, the Rev. Dr. Gardiner and Morss, and Stephen Codman, Esq. The following persons were reported and accepted:—Clergy,—Rev. Alonzo Potter, Rev. Isaac Boyle, Rev. B. C. Cutler, and Rev. Theodore Edson.—Laity,—Gardiner Greene, Stephen Codman, Ralph H. French, and Dudley A. Tyng, Esq.

On motion, the Parochial reports from thirteen Churches were read. After the Secretary had read the reports from other Churches, the Rev. Mr. Otis asked leave of the

Convention to read the report from Christ Church, Cambridge, and to add some remarks concerning the state of that Church. In consequence of the representations of Mr. Otis, a Committee was chosen to collect subscriptions for a permanent fund for Cambridge Church. The following gentlemen were elected to compose this Committee:—Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rev. Asa Eaton, William Appleton, Gardiner Greene, and Lucius M. Sargent, Esquires.

The Committee appointed by the Convention of 1824, to carry into effect their resolution in favor of Christ Church, Cambridge, and to take the necessary measures for the judicious expenditure of all the contributions for repairing said Church, beg leave respectfully to *report*, (in addition to their report to the Convention of 1825,) that 3,000 dollars have been judiciously expended in the repairs of that Church, which are completed. That the Committee have carefully examined the accounts of Mr. James Bowdoin, their Treasurer, and find them fully vouched and accurately cast, and the monies faithfully paid over and receipted for; and they recommend a vote of thanks to be past to Mr. Bowdoin, for his very valuable and in some respects painful services on this occasion.

All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee, in the absence of the Chairman, by

SAMUEL D. PARKER.

Boston, June 20, 1827.

On motion, this report was accepted, and a copy of it was ordered to be sent to Mr. James Bowdoin.

The following resolutions were offered to the Convention by one of the members, and past by vote:—

Whereas, the members of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, at their session in November last, established a General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, for the benefit of the Sunday Schools connected with our Church; and whereas it is expedient for this Convention to express its opinion of this measure, therefore

Resolved, That this Convention highly approve of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, and cordially recommend it to the notice of the members of the Church in this State.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be nominated from the Chair, to report what measures it may be proper for this Convention to adopt to testify the interest which the Church in Massachusetts takes in the cause of Sunday Schools generally, and in the establishment of the General Union in particular; and that the said Committee have leave to report in such way as they may think most advisable.

The following persons were then chosen to carry this resolution into effect:—Rev. Alonzo Potter, S. D. Parker, Esq., Rev. B. C. Cutler, Rev. Asa Eaton, and Rev. Theodore Edson.

On motion, the subject of changing the day of meeting of this Convention was indefinitely postponed.

On motion, the Convention chose S. D. Parker, S. Codman, and Dr. Morse, a Committee to consider the subject of expenses attending the General Convention, and also this State Convention, and to report to the next Convention in this State, the amount necessary to be raised, and the mode in which it is expedient to obtain it.

The Bishop requested Rev. Dr. Gardiner to take the chair, and retired.

The following resolution was offered to the Convention by one of the members, and past:—

Whereas the Right Rev. Bishop of this Diocese, in his address to the Diocesan Convention in September last, deemed it his duty publicly to declare that in a certain instance opinions and motives had, from some cause, been ascribed to him which had no foundation in truth, and a proper opportunity seems therefrom to have arisen for the people of this Diocese, after fifteen years experience, to express their esteem of his Episcopal character and government, therefore

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention, that the Right Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, so far from being "disposed to usurp power, which doth not appertain to his office or to abuse that which doth," hath uniformly discharged the duties of his high station with exemplary discretion, meekness, fidelity and moderation; and this Convention gladly embrace the opportunity now offered to them of expressing their undiminished confidence in his prudent, zealous and apostolical care and government of the Churches under his jurisdiction, of reciprocating the assurances of his affection and concern, and of offering their prayers for his long continuance in an office, which, difficult and arduous as it is, has been so faithfully discharged.

On motion, a Committee of three was chosen, to present this resolution to the Bishop:—Rev. Dr. Morss, S. D. Parker, Esq., and the Rev. Mr. Wolcott.

On motion, the following gentlemen were chosen to nominate a preacher for the next Convention:—Rev. Messrs. Eaton, Potter, and Edson.

The following preachers were reported and accepted:—Rev. Mr. Baury, for the first, and the Rev. Mr. Otis, for the second.

On motion, it was voted, that the Treasurer of this Convention be authorized to pay Mr. Joseph W. Ingraham the balance due him from this Convention, being $28.75.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Convention meet in St. Paul's Church, Boston, the third Wednesday in June next, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Bishop returned and took his seat.

After prayers were offered by the Bishop, the Convention united in singing the 133d Psalm, and adjourned, *sine die*.

B. C. CUTLER, *Secretary*.

State of the Church in Massachusetts, from the Parochial Reports to the Convention of 1827.

Churches.	Places.	Rectors.	Families.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Burials.	Marriages.	Confirmations.	S. S. Scholars.	
Trinity	Boston	J. S. J. Gardiner		200	38	19	20			
Christ	"	Asa Eaton	about	200	42	10	28		143	
St. Paul's	"	Alonzo Potter	145	210	27	11	8	36	125	Flourishing.
St. Matthew's	"	J. L. Blake		30	19	7	1	10	50	More flourishing than at any former period.
St. Peter's	Salem	T. W. Coit		66	11	6		12	36	
St. Paul's	Newburyport	James Morss, D.D.	105	80	41	22	4	7	45	
St. Paul's	Dedham	Isaac Boyle	47	37	1	4	1		21	
St. Mary's	Newton	A. L. Baury	72	68	7	3	7		45	Rector absent in Europe.
Trinity	Lenox	B. C. C. Parker	35		3	1				This Church is increasing in numbers.
Christ	Quincy	B. C. Cutler	75	67	18	8	7	18	50	N. B. There are Missionary Societies in most of the parishes, and in some, *Bible Classes* and *Parish Libraries*.
St. Andrew's	Hanover	C. Wolcott	75	45	8	8	9	4		
Trinity	Marshfield	"	20	15			4	10		A new Church consecrated.
Trinity	Bridgewater		30	8						A female Sunday school for two years past.
St. James's	Greenfield	Titus Strong		56	20	3	3	9	50	
Christ	Cambridge	George Otis								This Church is now in promising circumstances.
St. Michael's	Marblehead		45	27					30	Report of last year.
Christ	Leicester		40	18					30	" "
St. Anne's	Lowell	Theodore Edson								
			689	1127	235	102	92	106	625	

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Convention of 1828. June 18th. St. Paul's Church, Boston, 9 o'clock, A. M.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Massachusetts, the Clergy and Lay Delegates assembled at this hour, by a vote of the last Convention.

Prayers were read by the Rev. B. C. Cutler of Quincy, the sermon was delivered by the Rev. Alfred L. Baury of Newton, and the Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. B. C. Cutler.

At 12 o'clock, a list of the Clerical members of this Convention was read by the Secretary, when the following members answered to their names, and took their seats.

The Right Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, and President of the Convention.

Presbyters.

Rev. Dr. Gardiner,	Rev. George W. Doane,
Rev. Dr. Morss,	Rev. Silas Blaisdale,
Rev. Mr. Eaton,	Rev. E. M. P. Wells,
Rev. John L. Blake,	Rev. Isaac Boyle,

Rev. Alfred L. Baury,	Rev. Joseph Muenscher,
Rev. Theodore Edson,	Rev. B. C. C. Parker,
Rev. Thomas W. Coit,	Rev. Aaron Humphrey,
Rev. Calvin Wolcott,	Rev. B. C. Cutler. 16

Deacons.

Rev. D. L. B. Goodwin,	Rev. William Horton,
Rev. James Morss Tappan,	Rev. James Everett. 4

The Lay Delegates delivered their certificates and took their seats, as follows:—

From Trinity Church, Boston, S. D. Parker, Esq.

From St. Paul's Church, Boston, Stephen Codman and Henry Codman.

From Christ Church, Boston, John Bacon.

From St. Matthew's Church, Boston, Abraham Gould and R. P. Williams.

From Christ Church, Cambridge, Joseph Foster and Isaac Lum.

From St. Mary's, Newton, Amos Lyon.

From St. Paul's, Dedham, Edward Whiting and Martin Gay.

From St. Paul's, Hopkinton, Joseph Walker.

From Christ Church, Leicester, G. F. Haskins, (Lay Reader.)

From St. Michael's, Marblehead, Hon. R. H. French.

From Trinity, Lenox, Edward A. Newton, Esq.

From Trinity, Bridgewater, Silas Warren and Henry Edson.

From St. Andrew's, Hanover, Daniel Bassett and Edward Wilder.

From Trinity, Marshfield, Capt. Church Troudut.

From St. Anne's, Lowell, Warren Colburn.

From St. John's, Sutton, Amasa Roberts.

From St. John's, Northampton, Edward Parsons.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to choose a Secretary, by ballot; when the Rev. B. C. Cutler was chosen.

On motion, the Convention chose for their Treasurer, Thomas W. Phillips, Esq.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Clergymen of our Church, candidates for the ministry of the same, and other members of our Communion, now present, be entitled to honorary seats in this Convention.

The Lay Delegate from Hopkinton having no certificate from the Clerk of the Church in that place, it was voted to receive him upon the testimony of the Clergyman of that Church. The Rev. Mr. Tappan testifying verbally to his election, Mr. Joseph Walker took his seat accordingly among the Lay Delegates.

On motion, the Rules of Order adopted at the Convention of 1823 were read and received as the Rules of Order for this Convention.

On motion, the proceedings of the last Convention were read.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. A. L. Baury, for his sermon this day delivered; and that a copy thereof be requested for publication.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. T. Edson and Edward A. Newton, Esq., be a Committee to carry the above resolution into effect. This Committee reported that the sermon was submitted to the Convention.

The Committee chosen at the last Convention to consider and report what sums of money were necessary to be raised by the Church in this State for the expenses of the General Convention and the State Convention, and the mode in which it is expedient to obtain it, presented the following report, which was accepted; and the Canon contained therein was past by vote, as a Canon of this Church.

REPORT.

It is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of two hundred dollars per annum should be raised; and they recommend to the Convention to adopt and to pass a Canon in the following form, as the mode in which it is expedient to obtain the same.

CANON.

Canon of 1828 *respecting Contingent Expenses.*

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day in January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as one per centum and one half of one per centum on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a Minister and which are represented by Lay Delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify, in his annual report, what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee and Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, viz:—to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop to the Convention of this State; to pay the travelling expenses of such Clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any Clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the Clerical Delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each Clerical Delegate; to pay to the Delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this State by each General Convention for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies at least of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

SAMUEL D. PARKER, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee, by balloting, when the following gentlemen were Chosen :—Clergy,—Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rev. Mr. Edson, Rev. Mr. Boyle.—Laity,—S. D. Parker, Esq., Thomas Clark, Esq., and J. C. Warren, M. D.

On motion, the Convention chose the following gentlemen as a Committee to nominate Delegates to represent this Convention in any General Convention which may occur before the next annual meeting of this Convention: —Dr. Gardiner, Dr. Morss, and Henry Codman, Esq. They nominated the following gentlemen, who were accepted :—Rev. Dr. Gardiner, Rev. Mr. Eaton, Rev. Alonzo Potter, Rev. A. L. Baury, Edward A. Newton, Esq., Dr. J. C. Warren, E. H. Robbins, Jr., Esq., and Dr. E. Hale, Jr.

The Secretary read, by leave of the Convention, the following communication from the Secretary of the Diocesan Convention :—

"On motion of the Rev. C. Burroughs, resolved, that this Convention think it desirable and important that the State Conventions of the Eastern Diocese should, previous to the next meeting of the General Convention, express their opinions relative to the alterations proposed in the Liturgy and in the Constitution of the Church by the last General Convention; and that this resolve be communicated to the Secretaries of the respective State Conventions.

On motion of the Rev. A. L. Baury, resolved, that the Secretary be requested to call upon the Secretaries of the several State Conventions composing this Diocese, with a view of ascertaining if any thing and what has been done for the more effectual support of the Episcopate, and that they be requested to report to the next Convention of this Diocese."

B. B. Smith,
Secretary of the Convention of the E. D.

On motion, *Resolved*, That it be earnestly recommended to the Rev. Clergy of this Commonwealth, to preach, in their several Churches on the Sunday previous to each annual Convention, a sermon in behalf of the funds of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States; and at the same time to make a collection for this Society.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of two Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed, to inquire whether any and if any what objections exist against the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church, and what alterations are desirable, with the view of obtaining for it more fully the confidence of the Church, and to confer with the Executive Committee of the Society on the subject, and report at the next annual meeting of this Convention.

The following gentlemen were then chosen to confer with the Missionary Society on this subject:—Rev. Mr. Doane, Rev. Mr. Edson, Edward a Newton, Esq., and Dr. J. C. Warren.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention upon the subject of Sunday Schools, made the following report, which was accepted:—

It appears that a Sunday School Society, by a voluntary association of individuals, has been organized in this State, entitled the Massachusetts Episcopal Sunday School Society, a copy of whose Constitution is hereto annexed; this Committee highly approve of the Constitution of that Society, and they report as their opinion, that the Convention, if it is their pleasure to adopt the following vote, should pass the same, and that no other measure is necessary.

Whereas a Society, entitled the Massachusetts Episcopal Sunday School Society, has, since the last Convention in this State, been formed and organized, a copy of whose Constitution has been reported and submitted to this Convention,—therefore,

Voted, That this Convention do approve of the formation and constitution of said Society, and do recommend the same to the confidence, patronage, and union of the several parishes, Sunday Schools, and to Episcopalians generally in this State and Diocese.

All which is respectfully submitted, in the absence of the Chairman, by order of the Committee, by

SAMUEL D. PARKER.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Committee of three Clerical and three Lay Delegates be appointed to devise means for the more effectual support of the Episcopate, and to report before the rising of this Convention. The following gentlemen were then chosen to form this Committee:—Rev. Dr. Morse, Rev. Mr. Edson, Rev. Mr. Baury, E. A. Newton, Esq., Henry Codman, and Dr. Warren.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Journal of this Convention be published annually, with a list of the Clergy and parishes in the State, describing such as are destitute of pastors, and that to the Journal of the present year be prefixed the Constitution and Canons of the Church. The Secretary and S. D. Parker, Esq., were appointed a Committee, to publish such extracts from former Journals as they should think expedient.

On motion, the house adjourned, to meet again at half past four o'clock, P. M.

St. Paul's Church, Boston, June 18, 1828.
Half past 4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The President having taken the chair, the Convention proceeded to business.

The Committee on the further support of the Episcopate, offered the following report, which was accepted by the Convention.

"In the opinion of this Committee, the honor and interest of the Diocese demand a more adequate provision for the increasing

expenses of the Rt. Rev. Bishop; and they recommend to this Convention, to proceed to appoint a Committee in each parish in this State, to collect annual subscriptions and donations for this object, and to remit the amount obtained to the Treasurer of this Convention, subject to the order of the Bishop; and further, that it be enjoined upon the Standing Committee of this State, to attend to the carrying this vote into effect, and to prompt the various parish Committees to a fulfilment of their duties."

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Clergymen of each parish, now present, and the Lay Delegates, be a Committee of nomination, to nominate a suitable number of persons in their own parish, to be the Committee mentioned in the report last accepted, and to return their names to the Secretary of the Convention.

The following persons were nominated and appointed:

From Trinity Church, Boston, E. H. Robbins, Jr., S. H. Parker, and Mr. Dehon.

From St. Paul's Church, Boston, J. C. Dunn, E. Hale, Jr., and James Bowdoin.

From Christ Church, Boston, John Sowdon and Charles Wade.

From St. Peter's, Salem, John Howard and Larkin Thorndike.

From St. Paul's, Newburyport, Hon. D. A. Tyng, Hon. E. S. Rand, and John Dean, Esq.

From St. Michael's, Marblehead, Hon. R. H. French.

From Christ Church, Cambridge, Abraham Bigelow, Esq.

From St. Mary's Church, Newton, A. C. Curtis, John Nichols, and Ezra Warren.

From St. Paul's Church, Dedham, Erastus Worthington, George Dixon, and Abner Guild, Esq.

From Christ Church, Quincy, John Edson.

From St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, Reuben Curtis and Daniel Bassett.

From St. Anne's Church, Lowell, Samuel Batchelder.

From St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton, Abraham Harrington, Esq., and Joseph Walker.

From St. John's Church, Sutton, Amasa Roberts, Esq., and Hezekiah How, Esq.

From St. John's Church, Northampton, J. G. Cogswell, Esq., and Edward Parsons.

From ——, Ashfield, Levi Cook, Esq.

From St. James Church, Greenfield, Dr. Alpheus Stone and Hart Leavett, Esq.

From St. James's Church, Great Barrington, Major Rossiter.

From St. Luke's Church, Lanesboro', Wm. C. Plumket, Esq., and Jason Newton.

From Trinity Church, Lenox, Hon. Caleb Hyde.

From Trinity Church, Otis, Lester Filley, Esq.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Morss of Newburyport, the following resolution past the Convention :—

Whereas it is expedient for the Councils of the Church, in their public deliberations, to notice those afflicting dispensations of Providence by which its interests are sensibly affected, therefore

Resolved, That this Convention view with grief the late mournful dispensation of divine Providence, in the removal by death of the Rev. George Otis, late Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge, by which the Clergy have been deprived of an active fellow-laborer, and the Church over which he was placed, of an affectionate and faithful pastor. And they devoutly supplicate the Head of the Church, that this dispensation may be sanctified, and this vacancy in due season supplied.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the choice of a preacher for the next Convention. The Rev. Mr. Boyle and Mr. S. D. Parker were appointed a Committee of

nomination. They nominated the following gentlemen, who were accepted:—Rev. Joseph Muenscher of St. John's Church, Northampton, for the first, and the Rev. T. W. Coit of St. Peter's, Salem, for the second preacher.

On motion, the Parochial reports were read by the Secretary.

The Secretary then read the annual report of the Treasurer of this Convention, which exhibited a balance in favor of the Convention of $8.71.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention upon the subject of the Cambridge Church, were at their own request discharged, and a new Committee was appointed to raise funds for that Church. The following gentlemen were appointed this Committee:—Rev. G. W. Doane, Edward A. Newton, Esq., Rev. A. Potter, Rev. A. L. Baury, and Rev. Asa Eaton.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the annual Convention meet in St. Paul's Church, Boston, on the third Wednesday in June next, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention united in singing the 133d Psalm; and, after prayers by the Bishop, and the Episcopal benediction, adjourned, *sine die*.

B. C. CUTLER, *Secretary*.

State of the Church in Massachusetts, from the Parochial Reports to the Convention of 1828.

Churches.	Places.	Ministers.	Families.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Marriages	Burials.	Confirm'd	Sunday School Scholars.	Members of Bible Cl's	Mission'y Societies.	General Remarks.
Trinity	Boston	J. S. J. Gardiner / G. W. Doane		200	18	11	22		57			A new Church edifice commenced.
Christ	"	Asa Eaton		150	29	30	9		165		1	
St. Paul's	"	Alonzo Potter		235	18	10	14		[125 report'd 1827]		1	
St. Matthew's	"	Jno. L. Blake		36	11	4	5		a school		1	Parish and Sunday School flourishing.
St. Peter's	Salem	T. W. Coit		66	6	5	13		70		1	The state of this church prosperous.
St. Michael's	Marblehead	Vacant	45	27	10	8	2	9	30		1	Report of 1826.
St. Paul's	Newburyport	James Morss	90	80	18	3	5		80	25	2	The state of religion in this parish interesting.
Trinity	Marshfield	Calvin Wolcott	26	14	6		1			cl's fl'ng	1	
St. Andrew's	Hanover	"	78	50	18	2	4		sc'l fl'ng		1	
Trinity	Bridgewater		29	11					a school	a class	1	These Churches are said to be under the care of Rev. John West from Phillipsburg, N. Y.
St. Thomas's	Taunton											
Christ	Quincy	B. C. Cutler	87	72	32	6	7		40	20	2	State of this church encouraging.
St. Paul's	Dedham	Isaac Boyle	47	41	3	2	2		38		1	
St. Mary's	Newton	A. L. Baury	65	70	17	3	5		65			Some families removed! Still flourishing.
Christ	Cambridge	Vacant										Rev. G. Otis, Rector, died—no returns.
St. Paul's	Hopkinton	J. M. Tappan	30	6								Church increasing: prospects flattering.
St. John's	Sutton	D. L. B. Goodwin				1	8		50			Church edifice commenced. [aid and a pastor.
Christ	Leicester	Vacant										This important but suffering Church requires
St. Anne's	Lowell	Theodore Edson		25	9	3	12		90		1	Increasing; prospects favorable.
St. John's	Northampton	Joseph Muenscher	30	15	1	2			65	35		A church edifice much wanted.
St. James's	Greenfield	T. Strong		55	15	2	13		62		1	
St. John's	Ashfield	Vacant		35					40		1	A new church ready for consecration.
Trinity	Lenox	B. C. C. Parker	37	45	8	1	1		42		1	Churches increasing in numbers
Trinity	Otis	"	35		7							
St. Luke's	Lanesboro'	A. Humphreys	40	52	5	0	2		65			
St. James's	Gt. Barring't'n	Sturgis Gilbert										No report.

N. B. The columns are not summed up because the reports are incomplete. It is desired that full reports should be made hereafter, and such general remarks as will tend to show the state of the parishes.

EPISCOPAL CLERGY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

It appears from the Journals of the Conventions in the State of Massachusetts, that, since the independence of Church and State was established, the following clergymen have officiated in the places annexed to their names.

1784—Rev. Edward Bass, D. D., St. Paul's Church, Newburyport; Rev. Wm. Willard Wheeler, of the United Churches at Scituate, Marshfield, Braintree, Bridgewater and Taunton; Rev. Stephen C. Lewis, Christ Church, Boston; Rev. Nathaniel Fisher, St. Peter's Church, Salem; Rev. Samuel Parker, D. D., Trinity Church, Boston

1790—Rev. William Walter, D, D., Christ Church, Boston; Rev. Thomas Fitch Oliver, St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

1791—Rev. William Montague, St. Paul's Dedham; Rev. Joseph Warren, Christ Church, Cambridge.

1792—Rev. William Harris, D. D., Marblehead; Rev. John S. J. Gardiner, D. D., Assistant, Trinity Church, Boston.

1796—Rev. Daniel Burhans, Lanesboro'.

1801—Rev. Samuel Haskell, Christ Church, Boston.

1802—Rev. James Bowers, Marblehead.

1803—Rev. Timothy Hilliard, Portland; Rev. Nath'l B. Crocker.

1804—Rev. James Morss, D. D., Newburyport.

1805—Rev. Asa Eaton, Christ Church, Boston; Rev. Mr. Blackburn, Quincy.

1810—Rev. Samuel Sewell, Marblehead.

1811—Rev. Joab G. Cooper, Hanover; Rev. Amos Pardee, Lanesboro'; Rev. Aaron Humphrey, Gardiner; Rev. Samuel Griswold, Great Barrington and Lenox.

1814—Rev. Thomas Carlile, Salem.

1816—Rev. Titus Strong, Greenfield; Rev. Jona. M. Wainwright, D. D., Newton.

1818—Rev. Benj. B. Smith, Marblehead; Rev. George Otis, Cambridge; Rev. Calvin Wolcott, Hanover.

1820—Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., St. Paul's Church Boston; Rev. Cheever Felch, Dedham.

1822—Rev. Isaac Boyle, Dedham; Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Newton.

1823—Rev. Benj. C. Cutler, Quincy; Rev. Lot Jones, Marblehead; Rev. John L. Blake, St. Matthew's, Boston; Rev. Silas Blaisdell, Boston.

1824—Rev. Theodore Edson, East Chelmsford, (Lowell); Rev. William T. Potter, Hopkinton; Rev. Geo. Griswold, St. Matthew's, Boston; Rev. Joseph Muenscher, Leicester, Northampton.

1825—Rev. T. S. Mott, Marblehead; Rev. Wm. Withington, Ashfield; Rev. Henry Wm. Ducachet, St. Peter's, Salem.

1826—Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, Sutton; Rev. Solomon Blakesley, Great Barrington.

1827—Rev. Alonzo Potter, St. Paul's, Boston; Rev. Thomas W. Coit, St. Peter's, Salem; Rev. B. C. C. Parker, Lenox and Otis; Rev. James Morss Tappan—now at Hopkinton.

1828—Rev. George W. Doane, Assistant, Trinity, Boston; Rev. Horatio Potter, Christ Church, Boston; Rev. E. M. P. Wells, Boston; Rev. Aaron Humphrey, Lanesboro'; Rev. Wm. Horton, Deacon; Rev. James Everett, Deacon.

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Boston, Wednesday, June 17, 1829.

THIS being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. A. V. GRISWOLD, D. D. Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, and a number of Clergymen and Laymen, assembled in St. Paul's Church, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Divine service was conducted by the Rev. John West, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Joseph Muenscher, Rector of St. John's Church, Northampton, from Luke xi. 2. "Thy kingdom come." The Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by Mr. West.

Upon the Bishop's taking the chair, the Secretary of the last Convention not being present, it was resolved by the Convention, that a Secretary *pro. tem.* be appointed, whereupon Mr. COIT was elected.

The list of the Clergy of the Diocese was then called over, when the following members answered to their names, and took their seats:—

The Rev. Drs. Eaton and Morss, Rev. Messrs. Baury, Blaisdale, Blake, Boyle, Coit, Doane, Edson, Gilbert, Muenscher, Parker, Potter, Strong, Wells, West, Wolcott,—17 Presbyters.

Rev. Messrs. Croswell, Everett, Goodwin, Haskins, Peck, Price,—6 Deacons.

The lay Delegates delivered their certificates, and took their seats, as follows:—

From	St. Paul's Ch'h, Boston,	Henry Codman, Stephen Codman, J. C. Merrill.
"	Christ, Boston,	John Bacon, J. W. Ingraham, C. Williams.
"	St. Matthew's do.	A. Gould, Z. G. Whitman, R. P. Williams.
"	St. Peter's, Salem,	J. Howard, J. Parnell.
"	St. Paul's, Newburyport,	John Dean.
"	St. Ann's, Lowell,	Kirk Boott, J. O. Green.
"	Christ, Cambridge,	J. Foster, I. Lum.
"	St. Paul's, Dedham,	Abner Guild, Abraham F. Howe.
"	St. Mary's, Newton,	Lemuel Crehore, Amos Lyon, Ezra Warren.
"	Trinity, Bridgewater,	John Edson,
"	Trinity, Lenox,	Edward A. Newton.
"	St. Andrews, Hanover,	Daniel Bassett, Reuben Curtis.
"	Christ, South Leicester,	Henry K. Newcomb, Seth Hartwell, James Patterson.
"	Trinity, Marshfield,	Luther Little, Atherton Tilden.
"	St. Paul's, Hopkinton,	Joseph Walker.
"	St. John's, Sutton,	Hezekiah Howe, Amasa Roberts.

Thirty-three.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to choose a Secretar by ballot, when (Mr. Cutler declining a re-election) Mr. Coit wa chosen.

On motion, the Convention appointed Mr. Henry K. Newcomb, Assistant Secretary.

On motion, the Convention chose for their Treasurer, Thomas W. Phillips, Esq.

On motion, Resolved, that visiting Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Candidates for Holy Orders, and other members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be in the city, and wish to attend our deliberations, be admitted to honorary seats in the Convention.

On motion, Voted, that when the Convention adjourn in the afternoon, the hour of adjournment be 3 o'clock.

The Rules of Order, for the last Convention, were read, and it was voted to adopt the same, during the present session.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Baury and E. A. Newton, Esq. were appointed a Committee, to return the thanks of the Convention to Rev. Mr. Muenscher, for his Sermon delivered before them.

A report of certain proceedings of an Ecclesiastical Society in Piedmont Square, in the city of Boston, calling itself by the name and style of Grace Church, was then read :—Whereupon, it was voted to appoint a Committee of five, to report on said proceedings, during the sittings of this Convention. Rev. Dr. Morss, Rev. Messrs. Potter and Doane, E. A. Newton and John Edson, Esqrs. were appointed the Committee.

The Secretary read the parochial reports, required by the 45th Canon of the General Convention, the results of which are to be seen in the Table, appended to this Journal.

The Report of the Treasurer of Convention was then read, when it appeared, that there was a balance in his hands of $7·21, and that no parish had complied with the requisitions of the Canon of 1828, respecting contingent expenses.*

On motion, Voted, that a Committee be appointed, to consider the expediency of amending the first article of the Constitution :—Whereupon, Rev. Messrs. Strong and Edson, and J. C. Merrill, Esq. were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

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* Vide Treasurer's additional Report, p. 9.

On motion, Rev. Messrs. Baury and Muenscher were appointed a Committee, to nominate preachers for the next Convention. They nominated the Rev. T. W. Coit for the first, and the Rev. B. C. C. Parker for the second preacher, who were accepted.

Rev. B. C. C. Parker then read the Report of the Committee appointed last year, to superintend the printing of the journal. Whereupon it was voted, that the Report be accepted, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the expenses incurred by the Committee, so soon as he shall have in his hands any monies not otherwise appropriated.

The Committee on the first article of the Constitution, reported the following amendment:—Voted, that instead of the words, "churches in this State," there be substituted the words, "church in this Commonwealth;" and that instead of the words, "ministers of said churches," there be substituted the words, "clergy of the same." The amendment was accepted, and agreeably to the Constitution, lies over one year, for a final consideration.

On motion, Voted, that the Committees on the support of the Episcopate, be reappointed, and that the Secretary of Convention be requested, from time to time, to notify them of their appointment, and to desire them to attend to their duty.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Morss, Rev. Mr. Potter, and J. C. Merrill, Esq. were appointed a Committee to nominate a Standing Committee, for the ensuing year, Delegates to the next General Convention, and Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, it was voted to adjourn until half past four.

St. Paul's Church, half past 4.

Convention met,—present as before.

The Report of the Committee appointed to nominate a Standing Committee, Delegates to the General Convention, and Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, was accepted, and agreeably to their nomination, the following gentlemen were elected.

Standing Committee.

Rev. Dr. Gardiner,
Rev. Mr. Boyle,
Rev. Mr. Edson,
Dr. J. C. Warren,
Thomas Clark, Esq.
George Brinley, Esq.

Delegates to the General Convention.

Rev. Dr. Gardiner,
Rev. Dr. Morss,
Rev. Mr. Potter,
Rev. Mr. Edson,
Hon. Dudley A. Tyng,
Stephen Codman, Esq.
Edward A. Newton, Esq.
Edward H. Robbins Jr., Esq.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

Rev. Dr. Eaton,
James Bowdoin, Esq.

On motion by Mr. Newton, Resolved, that this Convention continues to view with satisfaction, and devout gratitude to Almighty God, the evident increase of the missionary spirit in the Church, and especially the interest and patronage bestowed upon the Domestic Missionary Society of this State; and would renewedly urge every parish in the Diocese, to be zealously active in affording it their support.

On motion, Voted, that it be the duty of the Standing Committee, to ascertain from the several Delegates elected to the General Convention, whether they intend to discharge the duties of their appointment, and if not, to substitute, on or before the 20th July next, persons who will attend on that occasion.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned till 8 o'clock next morning, to meet at the same place.

St. Paul's Church, June 18, 1829, 8 *o'clock A. M.*

Met according to adjournment, the Bishop in the chair.

Divine service having been held, previous to the opening of Convention, business was commenced immediately.

It appearing that the time specified for receiving assessments, made under the Canon of 1828, respecting contingent expenses, commenced Jan. 1, 1829, and will not expire till Jan. 1, 1830; it was voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to receive any assessments which may be paid, before the close of the present session, and to annex them to his Report of yesterday.

On motion, Voted, that the next meeting of the Convention be at Trinity Church, Boston, on the third Wednesday of June, 1830, at 9 A. M.

On motion by Mr. J. W. Ingraham, Resolved, that this Convention continues to view, with deep interest, the cause of Sunday Schools in our Church, and that it considers it the bounden duty of every parish, to establish and support one or more Sunday Schools within its boundaries.

Resolved, that it be earnestly recommended to every Sunday School in the Church in this State, to become immediately connected with the Massachusetts Episcopal Sunday School Society, or the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, and that the clerical members of the Convention, and the lay delegates of those churches which are not supplied with clergymen, be requested to use their exertions, in behalf of said societies.

The Committee appointed during the last Convention, in behalf of Christ Church, Cambridge, reported, that there was no further occasion for their services, and asked to be discharged.

The Committee appointed at the same time, to inquire "whether any, and if any, what objections exist against the Constitution of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church; and what alterations are desirable, with the view of obtaining for it more fully the confidence of the Church," reported, that the particulars which they were appointed to investigate were all determined in such a manner, at the late meeting of the Society, as to render their services unnecessary.

On motion, Resolved, that a Committee of three Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed, to inquire into the expediency and practicability of adopting some plan for Theological Education in the Eastern Diocese, and to present a memorial on the subject to the next Diocesan Convention.

Rev. Messrs. Baury, Doane, and Potter, E. A. Newton and Henry Codman, Esqrs., were chosen this Committee.

On motion, *Voted*, that the Rev. Mr. Blake and the Secretary of this Convention be a Committee to print the Journal of this Convention; and that there be annexed to the Journal the Constitution, as proposed to be amended, and the Rules of Order, adopted during the present session.

The Right Rev. President, together with the Rev. Mr. Croswell and the Secretary, left the Convention, by permission, to attend the Institution of the Secretary at Christ Church, Cambridge. The Rev. Dr. Morss was, in consequence, elected President, and the duties of Secretary were performed by the Assistant Secretary.

On motion, Resolved *unanimously*, as the sense of this Convention, that it is inexpedient to make any alterations in the Liturgy.

On motion, Resolved *unanimously*, that the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Rev. B. C. Cutler, for his faithful services as Secretary of Convention for a number of years past.

Agreeably to a vote of this Convention, as above, the Treasurer made the following additional report.

Received from the Church in Great Barrington—assessment	$ 6 00
From Church in Lenox—assessment	3 52
From do. do. for Bishop's fund	10 00
From Church in Lowell—assessment	12 00
From St. Paul's, Boston—assessment	30 00
From St. Paul's, Newburyport—assessment	10 50
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T. W. PHILLIPS, Treasurer.

Boston, June 18, 1829.

On motion, Messrs. Blake, Edson, and the Secretary, were appointed a Committee to draw up a form of Parochial Reports, and to present the same at the next session of Convention.

The Committee appointed to report on the proceedings of the Ecclesiastical Society, under the name and style of Grace Church, Piedmont Square, City of Boston, reported the following Preamble and Resolution:—

"Whereas, a number of persons in this city have organized themselves into an Episcopal Congregation, under the name and style of Grace Church, and have applied to be admitted into connexion with this Convention;—and whereas, it is understood that the person now officiating for them is a clergyman of the Presbyterian order, who has applied to the Standing Committee to be received as a candidate for Episcopal orders;—and whereas, such application is now pending before that body, and should it pass, there will be no doubt that this congregation will be admitted into connexion with this Convention:—

"Therefore, Resolved, that the consideration of this subject be postponed till the Standing Committee shall have acted definitely upon the aforesaid application, and that the delegates from the congregation of Grace Church, here in waiting, be furnished, if they desire it, with a copy of this resolution."

The resolution, with the preamble, was agreed to.

The Convention united in singing the 133d Psalm, and after prayers and the benediction by the President, adjourned *sine die*.

T. W. Coit, *Secretary*.

Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with the first Article, as proposed to be amended.

ARTICLE I. A Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Commonwealth, to consist of the clergy of the same, and one or more deputies, not exceeding three, being laymen, to be chosen by each congregation, shall be held on the third Wednesday of June in every year, at such place within the State, as shall be agreed on and appointed at each preceding meeting of the Convention.

ART. II. The clergy and lay deputies in Convention shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote as two distinct orders; and the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to every measure.

ART. III. Each congregation represented in Convention shall have one vote; and no deputy shall represent more than one congregation.

ART. IV. The Bishop of this Diocese, when present at any meeting of the Convention, shall preside therein; in his absence, a President shall be elected from among the members present.

ART. V. A Secretary shall be appointed by the Convention, removable at pleasure, who shall keep a fair record of the resolves and proceedings of the Convention, and have the same in his custody so long as he shall continue in office.

ART. VI. Every lay deputy shall, previously to his admission to a seat in the Convention, produce a testimonial of his appointment, subscribed by one or both of the church-wardens, or by the clerk of the proprietors.

ART. VII. No public censure shall be inflicted by the Bishop upon any clergyman under his inspection, other than shall be directed by the institution of this church hereafter made in Convention.



ART. VIII. The Standing Committee shall consist of three clergymen and three lay deputies, to be elected by the Convention; who shall have power to call special meetings of the Convention, as they may think necessary, and to provide a suitable place for the assembling thereof; and no business shall be transacted at any special meeting of the Convention other than such as shall be mentioned in the notification of such meeting.

ART. IX. This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention, nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one meeting previous to its adoption.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The morning service of the church shall be performed every day, during the session of this Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice, in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. Every member who shall be in the house, when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the question.

8. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone it; but a motion to adjourn, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment, shall be decided before the original motion.

10. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the President leave his chair.

State of the Church in Massachusetts from the Parochial Reports to the Convention of 1829.

Churches.	Places.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	Communicants.	Baptisms.*	Marriages.	Burials.	Persons confirmed.	Sunday school scholars.	Members of Bible-class.	Missionary Societies.
Trinity[1]	Boston	J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D. G. W. Doane									
Christ[2]	"	William Croswell			29	20	9		132		1
St. Paul's[3]	"	Alonzo Potter		240	33	7	8	23	163		2
St. Matthew's[4]	"	John L. Blake	40	43	14	3	9	20	45	25	1
St. Peter's[5]	Salem	vacant	73	53			6	5	65		2
St. Michael's[6]	Marblehead	vacant									
St. Paul's[7]	Newburyport	James Morss, D. D.	100	78	15	1	15		80		2
Trinity	Marshfield	Calvin Wolcott	24	18	2	2	1	5		12	
St. Andrew's	Hanover	Calvin Wolcott	74	46		1	8	5	50	35	
Trinity[8]	Bridgewater	John West	30	14	5		2				
St. Thomas's[9]	Taunton	John West			6	1	2				
Christ[10]	Quincy	B. C. Cutler	85	76	26	3	12		60	a class	2

[1] No returns, as the congregation is not yet fixed in the new church, which is expected to be finished in the course of the summer.

[2] Rector ordained and instituted June 24.

[3] Continues to flourish greatly.

[4] Flourishing—Edifice has been repaired.

[5] Requires a settled minister's services as soon as possible.

[6] No returns. Edifice will go to decay fast if unoccupied.

[7] An encouraging regard to the concerns of religion.

[8] With aid, may become a permanent and respectable Society.

[9] Beautiful church edifice—consecrated June 19th. Prospects good.

[10] Revived from nothing a few years since—now one of our most prosperous churches.

* Of the baptisms, 71 were adults.—One was baptized by immersion.

Churches.	Places.	Ministers.	Number of Families.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Marriages.	Burials.	Persons confirmed.	Sunday school scholars.	Members of Bible-class.	Missionary Societies.
St. Paul's	Dedham	Isaac Boyle	45	37	1	1	2		29		
St. Mary's	Newton	A. L. Baury	68	70	12	3	7	15	73		1
Christ[1]	Cambridge	Thomas W. Coit			5		2	1			
St. Paul's[2]	Hopkinton										
St. John's[3]	Sutton	D. L. B. Goodwin			1		6				
Christ[4]	Leicester	Lot Jones	46	15	2				45		
St. Ann's[5]	Lowell	Theodore Edson		46	68	6	6	33	80		1
St. John's[6]	N. Hampton	Jos. Muenscher		18	19	1	1	7	a school	a class	1
St. James's[7]	Greenfield	Titus Strong	50	58	15	4	2		53		
St. John's[8]	Ashfield	Titus Strong		40	9				40		
Trinity[9]	Lenox	B. C. C. Parker	42	35	10	2	2		35		
St. Paul's[10]	Otis	B. C. C. Parker	38	9	15		2				
St. Luke's[11]	Lanesborough	A. Humphrey		53	2						
St. James's[12]	G. Barrington	Sturges Gilbert		80	42	9	17				1
	Blandford[13]	A. Humphrey	40	3							

[1] Rector instituted June 18th.
[2] No returns.
[3] Church consecrated June 3d. State very encouraging.
[4] Fair prospect of prosperity with regular and continued services.
[5] Highly prosperous.
[6] Corner stone of a new church laid June 13th.
[7] Prospects more flattering than at the last return.
[8] Excellent place for a faithful missionary.
[9] Gave $120 to the Domestic Missionary Society. Continues to flourish.
Contemplate erecting an edifice. Society formed January, 1828.
[11] Four hundred dollars expended in repairs of church edifice.
[12] State of church much improved under its present Rector.
[13] The society have a fund of $2500, and expect to commence a church edifice on the first of September next.

N. B. In several instances, no general remarks have been made, as the clergy made none in their parochial reports, and the Secretary could not speak, from personal knowledge, of the comparative state of their parishes.

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LIST OF THE CLERGY

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PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

The Rt. Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, and Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls.

The Rev. Silas Blaisdale, Preceptor of the Salem Street Academy, Boston.

The Rev. John L. Blake, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Boston.

The Rev. Isaac Boyle, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

The Rev. Thomas W. Coit, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge.

The Rev. William Croswell, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

The Rev. Benjamin C. Cutler, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy.

The Rev. George W. Doane, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., Domestic Missionary, Boston.

The Rev. Theodore Edson, Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

The Rev. James Everett, Chaplain, United States Navy, at Sea.

The Rev. JOHN P. FENNER, Chaplain, United States Navy, Navy Yard, Charlestown.

The Rev. JOHN S. J. GARDINER, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. STURGES GILBERT, Rector of St. James' Church, Great Barrington.

The Rev. DANIEL L. B. GOODWIN, Rector of St. John's Church, Sutton.

The Rev. GEORGE F. HASKINS, Deacon, Chaplain to the House of Industry, Boston.

The Rev. GALEN HICKS, residing in Taunton.

The Rev. AARON HUMPHREY, Minister of St. Mark's Church, Blandford.

The Rev. SAMUEL F. JARVIS, D. D.

The Rev. LOT JONES, Rector of Christ Church, Clappville, Worcester County.

The Rev. JAMES MORSS, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

The Rev. JOSEPH MUENSCHER, Rector of St. John's Church, Northampton.

The Rev. ALONZO POTTER, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

The Rev. JOSEPH H. PRICE, Deacon, officiating in Springfield.

The Rev. JAMES SABINE, Rector of Grace Church, Boston.

The Rev. TITUS STRONG, Rector of St. James' Church, Greenfield; and officiating in St. John's Church, Ashfield, and Trinity Church, Montague.

The Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, Chaplain and Superintendent of the House of Reformation, Boston.

The Rev. JOHN WEST, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Taunton, and Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

The Rev. WILLIAM WITHINGTON, residing in Dorchester.

The Rev. CALVIN WOLCOTT, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, and Trinity Church, Marshfield.

Total 31.

The following Clergymen were not present at the sittings of the Convention.

Rev. James Everett,	Rev. Galen Hicks,
" J. S. J. Gardiner, D. D.	" S. F. Jarvis, D. D.
" Sturges Gilbert,	" Joseph Muenscher,
" George F. Haskins,	" Titus Strong.

Candidates for Holy Orders in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Samuel B. Babcock.
Chauncey Colton.
Francis A. Foxcroft.
Mark A. D. How.
Samuel McBurney.
Jacob Pierson.

Trinity Church, Boston, June 16, 1830.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. A. V. Griswold, D. D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, and a number of Clergymen and Laymen assembled in Trinity Church, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Divine service was conducted by the Rev. Theodore Edson, Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lowell, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. T. W. Coit, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge, from Prov. xxiv. 24, 25. The Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by Mr. Edson.

When the congregation had been dismissed, the chair was taken by the Bishop, and the roll of the Clergy called. The gentlemen present and absent, are mentioned in the foregoing lists.

Certificates in behalf of the following gentlemen, as Lay Delegates, were then presented and read.

Trinity Church, Boston,	Edward H. Robbins, Esq. Henry Hubbard, Esq.
St. Paul's Church, Boston,	J. C. Warren, M. D. Lynde Walter, Esq. Stephen Codman, Esq.
Christ Church, Boston,	Thomas Clark, Esq. John Sowdon, Jr. J. W. Ingraham.
St. Matthew's Church, Boston,	Freeman Hunt, R. P. Williams, M. A. D. How.
St. Anne's Church, Lowell,	Thomas Billings, Phineas Whitney.
St. Peter's Church, Salem,	John Howard, Esq. John Parnell.
Christ Church, Cambridge,	Joseph Foster, Esq. Eliab W. Metcalf, Esq.
St. Mary's Church, Newton,	Amos Lyon, Ezra Warren, Lemuel Crehore.
St. Paul's Church, Dedham,	Dr. Elisha Thayer, Theron Metcalf, Esq.
Christ Church, Quincy,	John Marston, Esq. George Veazie, Ebenezer Chamberlin.
St. Thomas' Church, Taunton,	Hon. Marcus Morton, William A. Crocker, Esq. Benjamin Morris.
Trinity Church, Bridgewater,	Silas Warren, Henry Edson, Ephraim Sprague.
St. Andrew's Church, Hanover,	Reuben Curtis, Daniel Bassett, Levi Sturtevant.
Trinity Church, Marshfield,	Luther Little.
Christ Church, Clappville,	Abisha Larned, H. K. Newcomb, E. F. Dixey.

The following Lay Delegates were not present at the sittings of the Convention.

Edward H. Robbins, Esq.
Henry Hubbard, Esq.
John C. Warren, M. D.
Stephen Codman, Esq.
Ezra Warren.
Lemuel Crehore.
Theron Metcalf, Esq.
John Marston, Esq.
Hon. Marcus Morton.
Silas Warren.
Henry Edson.
Levi Sturtevant.
E. F. Dixey.

Churches from which no Certificates of the appointment of Lay Delegates were received.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.
St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.
St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.
St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.
St. Mark's Church, Blandford.
St. James' Church, Greenfield.
St. John's Church, Ashfield.
Trinity Church, Montague.
St. John's Church, Northampton.
St. John's Church, Sutton.
Trinity Church, Lenox.
St. Paul's Church, Otis.
St. James' Church, Great Barrington.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to choose a Secretary by ballot, when Mr. Coit was re-elected.

On motion, the Convention appointed Mr. Henry K. Newcomb, Assistant Secretary.

On motion, the Convention chose for their Treasurer, Thomas W. Phillips, Esq.

The Rules of Order for the last Convention were read, and it was voted to adopt the same, during the present session.

On motion, Resolved, that visiting Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Candidates for Holy Orders, and other members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be in the city, and wish to attend our deliberations, be admitted to honorary seats in the Convention.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Baury, Voted, that the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Coit, for his Sermon delivered before them.

On motion, Voted, that when the Convention adjourn, in the afternoon, the hour of adjournment be 2 o'clock.

The application of Grace Church, to be admitted into connexion with this Convention, was read; and it appearing that the members of Grace Church had unanimously agreed to accede to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and of the Convention of the same Church in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the application was accepted.

A certificate in favor of Mr. Charles Williams and Mr. Apollos Morris, as Lay Delegates of Grace Church, was then read, and they were admitted to seats in the Convention.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Doane, Resolved, that a Committee be appointed, to draft a form of proceeding for the admission of new Churches into connexion with this Convention. The Rev. Messrs. Eaton, Morss, and Doane were appointed this Committee.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Edson, Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the necessity of making some further provision for the support of the Bishop, the amount of money which it may be expedient to raise for that purpose, and the best way and method of raising the same, and to report to this Convention. The Rev. Messrs. Edson, Doane, and Baury were appointed this Committee.

On motion, the Rev. Messrs. Wolcott and Boyle were appointed a Committee to nominate preachers for the next annual Convention.

The Committee appointed at the last annual Convention, to draw up a form of parochial reports, presented their report, which, with some amendment, was accepted.

The following Form was agreed on as the one, after which all parochial reports should henceforth be made.*

The Secretary then commenced the reading of the parochial reports, and continued it, until interrupted by the hour of adjournment, when the Convention adjourned to meet at 4 P. M.

Trinity Church, 4 *P. M.*

Convention met, and proceeded to business. The reading of the parochial reports was resumed and finished.† The Treasurer presented his report, which was accepted, and of the moneys now in his hands, the sum of $20.34 paid to him by mistake, was ordered to be paid to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Donations to the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Eastern Diocese, and $47 to the Secretary, being money advanced, to discharge the bill for printing the Journals of the last year, and to pay the quota of contingent expenses of the General Convention, assessed on Massachusetts.‡

On motion, Convention then proceeded to consider the amendment of the first article of the Constitution, proposed last year, which, after deliberation, was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Potter, Eaton, and Morss.§

On motion, the Rev. Messrs. Blake, West, and Croswell were appointed a Committee to nominate a Standing Committee, Delegates to the General Convention, and Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

On motion, The Rev. Mr. Doane was added to the Committee, to whom was referred the proposed amendment of the first article of the Constitution, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of a further amendment of that article, so as to substitute for the words, "on the third Wednesday in June,"

* Vide page 16. The form has been transferred to that page that it might be printed in a single line.
† For the Reports, see Appendix.
‡ For Treasurer's Report, vide page 38.
§ For the Constitution and Amendment, vide page 39.

the words, "on the Thursday following the last Wednesday in September."

The Committee appointed to nominate preachers for the next annual Convention, nominated the Rev. B. C. C. Parker for the first, and the Rev. A. Potter for the second preacher, who were accepted.

The Committee to whom were referred sundry amendments of the first article of the Constitution, reported, that they esteemed it advisable to have the subject postponed for longer deliberation:—whereupon the Constitution and Canons generally were referred to them, with instructions to report such amendments as they should deem proper to the next annual Convention.

The Committee appointed to draft a form of proceeding for the admission of new Churches into connexion with this Convention, expressed a desire to have the subject committed to them referred to the Committee on the Constitution and Canons, and it was referred accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Walter, it was ordered, that the Committee who have under revisal the Constitution of this Convention, be requested to preface the said Constitution with a preamble, setting forth the objects of the Convention, and the great advantages that may result to both Clergy and Laity, by the orderly conducting of the assembled council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Commonwealth.

The Committee appointed to nominate a Standing Committee, Delegates to the General Convention, and Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, reported the following nominations, which were accepted.

Standing Committee.

Clergy,	Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D. " Theodore Edson,* " Isaac Boyle.
Laity,	J. C. Warren, M. D. Thomas Clark, Esq. George Brinley, Esq.

* Mr. Edson declining a re-election, the Rev. J. L. Blake was appointed in his place.

Delegates to the General Convention.

Clergy,
- Rev. James Morss, D. D.
- " Alonzo Potter,
- " G. W. Doane,
- " B. C. C. Parker.

Laity,
- E. A. Newton, Esq.
- E. H. Robbins, Esq.
- L. M. Sargent, Esq.
- W. A. Crocker, Esq.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

Clergy,
- Rev. G. W. Doane,
- " T. W. Coit.

Laity,
- James Bowdoin, Esq.
- W. H. Gardiner, Esq.

On motion, the Rev. Mr. Croswell and the Secretary were appointed a Committee to publish the Journal of Convention, with instructions to print the Parochial Reports, *as the same were read* in the presence of the Convention.

The Treasurer made an additional report, which was accepted. Vide page 38.

The Bishop retired for a short time, after calling Dr. Eaton to the chair.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Doane, it was Resolved, that, whereas several parish associations have been organized in aid of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of this Church, therefore it is, in the sense of this Convention, expedient to organize an auxiliary society for the State of Massachusetts.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration, the necessity of making some further provision for the support of the Bishop, presented a report:—whereupon the subject was re-committed to them to report again the next morning.

On motion, by Mr. J. W. Ingraham, it was Resolved, that this Convention continues to view, with deep interest, the Massachusetts Episcopal Sunday School Society, and that it learns with deep regret, that many of the Sunday Schools in this state are still unconnected with this Society; and the Convention therefore again earnestly recommends to all the Episcopal Sunday Schools in this Commonwealth to become connected without delay, either with the Massachusetts Episcopal Sunday School Society or with the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union.

Dr. Elisha Thayer asked leave of absence for to-morrow, which was granted.

Convention adjourned till 9 A. M. on Thursday, June 17.

Trinity Church, Thursday, June 17, 1830.

Convention met according to adjournment, at 9 A. M.

Divine service was conducted by the Rev. B. C. C. Parker, agreeably to the first rule of order, after which the Convention proceeded to business.

Mr. Thomas Billings, delegate from St. Ann's Church, Lowell, appeared and took his seat.

The Bishop retired for a short time, after calling Dr. Morss to the chair.

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of further provision for the support of the Bishop, made a report;—whereupon it was Resolved, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Doane, that the subject be re-committed to the same Committee, with instructions to ascertain the facts in relation to it, and present a memorial at the ensuing Convention of the Diocese.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Humphrey, two Laymen were added to this Committee.

Messrs. H. K. Newcomb and E. A. Newton were chosen, but Mr. Newcomb declining, James Bowdoin, Esq. was elected in his place.

The Committee now consists of the following gentlemen.

Clergy,	Rev. T. Edson, " G. W. Doane, " A. L. Baury.
Laity,	E. A. Newton, Esq. James Bowdoin, Esq.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention, to take into consideration the subject of Theological Education, and report thereon at the Diocesan Convention about to sit at Lowell, reported their performance of the duty assigned them, and the order which in consequence had been taken by the Diocesan Convention, and were at their request discharged.

The Rev. A. Potter offered the following preamble and resolution, which, at his request, were laid upon the table to be called up at the next annual Convention.

" Whereas a diversity of practice obtains among the Churches of this State, respecting the use of a Collect and the Lord's Prayer before the Sermon, and whereas uniformity on this subject is to be desired, therefore, Resolved, as the sense of this Convention, that it is expedient that the same be hereafter omitted."

On motion, it was voted, that the next annual Convention be holden at St. Paul's Church, Boston, on the third Wednesday of June, A. D. 1831, at 9 A. M.—that divine service commence at 10 A. M., and that notice of the time of meeting and of divine service, be given by the Secretary to the Clergymen in the city, and in the newspapers.

The Convention united in singing the 133d Psalm, and after prayers and the benediction by the Rt. Rev. President, adjourned *sine die*.

Attest, T. W. COIT, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Church.	Place.	Minister.	Baptisms.		Communicants. *			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday School. *	Bible Class. *	Missionary Societies.	Missionary Contributions.
			Infants.	Adults.	Added.	Died or removed.	Present number.							

N. B. It is expected, that the Clergyman make such observations, as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish, and of his ministerial services, during the past year.

* Under these heads it is desirable, that the number of members should be stated.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Trinity Church, Boston.

Baptisms, Infants 22, Adults 6.—Communicants, Added 29, Present number, 213.—Confirmed, 54.—Marriages, 7.—Burials, 7.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, the new edifice, erected by the parish of Trinity Church, has been completed and consecrated. The Rector, the Rev. Dr. Gardiner, has also, by advice of his physicians, gone to Europe for the recovery of his health. Earnest hopes of benefit, under the Divine blessing, are entertained.—A Confirmation has recently been held. The number of Candidates then presented, and the number of new communicants, are evidence of an increasing interest in the ordinances, and, it is hoped, of the influence of religion. There is a flourishing Sunday School, under the superintendence of the Assistant Minister; and a Bible Class, of which he also has the charge.

In the absence of the Rector,
G. W. DOANE, *Assistant Minister.*

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

Baptisms, Infants 14, Adults 3.—Communicants, Added 25, Died or removed 20, Present number, 240.—Marriages, 8.—Burials, 10.—Sunday School, 160.—Bible Class, 14.—Missionary Societies, 2.—Missionary Contributions, $800.

To the above returns, the Rector would add, that the public services have been well attended, with much apparent seriousness.—Besides the ordinary services, Lectures have been delivered monthly in the church before Communion, and weekly in a hall provided for that purpose.—Once in each month, an evening has been devoted to the consideration of Missions, and

the reading of Religious Intelligence.—From the manner in which these exercises have been attended, as well as from other facts, the Rector is not without hope, that the past year has been to his parish, one of increased and somewhat peculiar interest in the concerns of religion.—The parish has suffered the loss of several valuable members, who have been compelled, by reverses of fortune and other causes, to remove from the city.—Their places have been supplied, however, by the accession of others; and on the whole, the state of the parish in a temporal, and (what is incomparably more important) in a spiritual point of view, may be regarded as prosperous.

A. POTTER, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Boston.

Baptisms, Infants 68, Adults 2.—Communicants, 120.—Marriages, 13.—Burials, 2.—Sunday School, 300.—Bible Class, 23.—Missionary Association, 1.—Missionary and Charitable Contributions, $270.

During the last year the congregation has been gradually increasing in numbers, and it is humbly hoped in the favor of God as well as of man. Notwithstanding the heavy pressure upon the resources of the parish, for parochial objects of an unusual nature, a lively interest has been manifested in the great works of Christian benevolence, and $270 have been raised for the Missionary, Sunday School, and other General Church Institutions. In the mean while a subscription for the repairs of our venerable house of worship has been filled up with great liberality and spirit, and the interior more than restored to primitive beauty and seemliness.

WILLIAM CROSWELL, *Rector.*

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

Baptisms, Infants 17, Adults 3.—Communicants, Added 8, Died or removed 4, Present number 50.—Confirmed, 17.—Married, 10.—Burials, 23.—Sunday School, 130.—Missionary Societies, 2.—Missionary Contributions, $70.

No extraordinary change has taken place in this Church the past year. We are favored with the blessing of peace, and the congregation, it is believed, is increasing. The number added to the communion has little more than supplied the diminution by deaths and removals. A very neat and commodious Sunday School-house has been erected, and is devoted to the use of our Sunday School. In this undertaking as well as in Sunday School instruction generally, the congregation have manifested a very laudable degree of interest. The School is furnished with a library and other aids to religious instruction.

In January last this congregation was formed into a Missionary Association on the plan recommended by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and is now a constituent part of our general missionary organization. A Ladies' Auxiliary Society, which has been in existence for more than three years, continues in operation independently of the Association.

THEODORE EDSON, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

From the shortness of the time of my having the pastoral charge of this Church, and my engagement in the concerns of the Diocese, it is not yet in my power to make an accurate report of its present state and prospects. There have been since Christmas last, but 1 marriage, 11 baptized, 6 communicants added, and 5 deaths.

The society is not large : the number of families and of communicants I have not yet exactly ascertained. Whether it will please the Lord in his merciful goodness to bless my ministry

among them remains doubtful. Many families in years past have left the parish, and united with other denominations of Christians. A respectable number yet remain, who appear to be well united and sincerely attached to our worship and discipline, and they give a devout and constant attendance upon Divine service. On Sunday evenings I have delivered lectures on the book of Genesis, which have been well attended, and it is hoped not wholly without use.

A. V. GRISWOLD, *Rector.*

In addition to the report of Bishop Griswold, a numerical statement was handed in by one of the Wardens, together with some account of the Sunday School by its active Superintendent, J. W. Treadwell, Esq.

From these it appears that the number of Communicants is 60; that the number of Baptisms has been 18, including 5 adults.—9 Confirmed.—9 Burials (probably including those mentioned by the Bishop; and that there are two Missionary Societies, one Benevolent, and one Sunday School Society. The books of the Secretary of the Sunday School, contain the names of thirteen teachers and one hundred and ten scholars belonging to the school; of the teachers there are three males and ten females. Twenty-nine have left the school since its commencement, some from choice, others have removed from town. The average number of those who attend is 13 males and 34 females,—total 47. The school is divided into convenient classes of from three to six. The library contains about one hundred volumes of various sizes.

A deep interest is taken in the success of this school by the congregation, and the ardent devotion of the teachers to the charge which they have taken upon themselves, is a sure guaranty that it will continue to prosper.

Christ Church, Cambridge.

Baptisms, 1 Infant.—Communicants, Added 4, Present number, 31.—Marriages, 1.—Burials, 5.—Sunday School, 29.—Bible Class, 9.

This important Church, as its friends hope, promises to become a permanent blessing to the Church generally. Still, too confident expectations of its growth should not be entertained, as there is reason to believe they have been by many. It must be remembered that it stands in a town which contains only 5 or 6 thousand inhabitants,—a town, however, in which are found six or more religious denominations and twelve incorporated religious societies!

The number of academical hearers is about 30, among whom are 4 communicants and 3 candidates for Holy Orders.

There is no Missionary Society, and there have been no Missionary contributions among us, as the parish consider all the efforts which they are at present able to make, indispensable to secure the permanence of the society. They have made great and unremitted exertions, and still continue to make them, for the establishment of a fund. The fund which has been raised, it deserves to be mentioned, has been largely promoted by *an association of ladies*, who, by the contribution of small and even the smallest sums, have ultimately collected something very respectable.

The Church has now in money loaned and in real estate, between 2 and 3 thousand dollars. One half of the income of this property, is funded annually.

T. W. COIT, *Rector.*

St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls.

Families, 68.—Baptisms, 14.—Marriages, 3.—Communicants, 67.—Burials, 7.—Sunday School Scholars, 80.—Members of Bible Class, 30.—Missionary Societies, 2.

The amount of Missionary contributions exceeds $50. There has also been a collection taken up in aid of the fund, for the better support of the Episcopate, amounting to $14.50.

The Sunday School is conducted by a Superintendent; has three male, and six female teachers. The library consists of about two hundred little volumes, which are read with great apparent interest. The whole concern is well managed, and is flourishing. A Bible Class which assembled every Wednesday evening during the winter, was well attended, and it is believed has been productive of much good.

One evening in each month is devoted to the communication of missionary intelligence, to such persons as choose to convene for that purpose.

The Fasts and Festivals of the Church are duly observed; beside which there are occasional evening services.

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Rector*.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

Baptisms, Infants 4.—Communicants, Added 3, Died or removed 3, Present number, 33.—Marriages, 1.—Burials, 2.—Sunday School, 28.—Missionary Societies, 2.—Missionary Contributions, $46.08.

This Church remains in nearly the same state as at the meeting of the last Convention, excepting that several families or individuals have joined the Congregation. A Missionary Association was formed the present year, according to the plan recommended by the General Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Philadelphia, and a constitution, not materially varying from the form suggested by that Society, adopted. The Rector is President, *ex officio*. Erastus Worthington, Esq. was elected Treasurer of the Association, and Ira Cleveland, Secretary. The sum of $30 has been transmitted to the Treasurer of the General Missionary Society.

It may be added, that Missionary documents are occasionally read at evening Lectures in the Church, with a view of exciting attention to the subject of Missions, and that a Juvenile Library has been commenced, which promises considerable benefit.

ISAAC BOYLE, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Quincy.

Baptisms, Infants 2.—Communicants, Added 3, Died or removed 2, Present number, 77.—Confirmed, 4.—Burials, 4.—Sunday School, 70.—Missionary Societies, 3.

No remarks on the state of the parish were added, as the Rector, the Rev. B. C. Cutler, has been absent during the year past for the benefit of his health. The parish has flourished exceedingly under Mr. Cutler's ministrations, and it is devoutly and earnestly hoped that he may yet serve them as heretofore.

St. Thomas' Church, Taunton.

Baptisms, Infants 20, Adults 1.—Communicants, Added 8, Present number, 12.—Confirmed, 8.—Marriages, 2.—Burials, 7.—Sunday School, 94.—Bible Class, 12, composed of the teachers of the Sunday School.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

Baptisms, Infants 2, Adults 2.—Communicants, Added 8, Present number, 26.—Confirmed, 13.—Marriages, 2.—Burials, 1.—Sunday School, 50.—Missionary Societies, 1—Missionary Contributions, $8.

St. Thomas' Church was founded before the war of the Revolution, but existed only as a Missionary station. Enjoying no stated ministrations, its members were gradually scattered among other denominations, and the Church left to total dilapidation. On the re-organization of this parish a short time

since, but a *single family* of the old parish remained. The erection of a new Church was commenced upon a stock, created by the subscription of individuals of different denominations. The Episcopal service was conducted in a hall for six months, while the church was in progress. This new edifice was completed at an expense of about $8000, and consecrated in June last. A large proportion of the pews are now taken up, and the parish seems beyond the apprehension of failure.

To Missionary aid this parish is indebted, for encouragement to undertake its revival. Without such assistance it could not have commanded the necessary ministrations; and without the continuance of such assistance to a reasonable extent, its success will be seriously retarded.

The labors of its minister are divided between this parish and that of Trinity Church, Bridgewater, at a distance of ten miles. A morning and evening service is held on Sunday at Taunton, and an afternoon service at Bridgewater. The latter parish, after a struggle for existence of more than half a century, seems likely to assume an established character. The indefatigable perseverance of its few adherents, the sacrifices incurred to sustain it thus far, and its present flattering prospects, commend this parish to the nurturing care of its patron the Missionary Society.

JOHN WEST, *Minister.*

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

Number of families, 80.—Six families and seven single men have been added to the society the present year.—Communicants, 46.—Confirmed, 2.—Baptisms, 1.—Marriages, 5.—Burials, 4.—Sunday School prosperous, containing about 60 scholars. The advantages of the Sunday School Union I find to be very great, as we are able to proceed more systematically in our mode of instruction, and furnish our pupils with a greater variety of useful books, calculated to imbue their mind with the principles of virtue and piety.

The Bible Class contains between 20 and 30 scholars. We have found from experience, great advantage from this method of studying the Holy Scriptures. It has excited a spirit of inquiry and research, of serious reflection and close application to the study of the Bible. Our Class meetings have been frequent for more than three years past. Nearly all the New Testament, and much of the Old, has been thoroughly and critically examined. This exercise has afforded an opportunity for exposition and familiar remarks and illustrations, which the pulpit does not afford, but which I have seen in many instances to be as useful as more labored efforts. We have a small but valuable library, recently established by the members of our congregation.

Dorcas Society.—Many of the ladies of our parish have formed themselves into a society, for the purpose of aiding by their manual labor, pious but indigent young men who are preparing for the ministry in our Church. They have already nearly completed a chest of clothing, intended for the indigent students of Kenyon College.

Bishop's Fund.—Last year and the present, we have taken up a collection on Easter Sunday, for the purpose of aiding to enlarge the fund for the support of the Bishop. The sums collected have been small, owing to the pressure of the times, about $20 in all.

Trinity Church, Marshfield.

Number of families, 26.—Number of single men, 6.—Congregation from 1 to 300.—Number of Communicants, 20.—Confirmations, 3.—Marriages, 2.—Burials, 1.

I devote one quarter of my time to this parish. In addition to preaching the last Sunday in every month, I have an intermediate Lecture once a month.

There is a Bible Class in this parish containing 15 members. The meetings are usually held in the Church on Saturday

evenings. A large number of spectators generally attend. Missionary aid is much needed here. For all my services they are able to pay but $90 per annum.

CALVIN WOLCOTT, *Rector.*

St. James' Church, Greenfield.

The parish of St. James' Church consists of between 50 and 60 families, who are in general zealously interested in its welfare. There have however within a few years been many deaths and removals of members, upon whom much dependence was placed for support. There is no great probability of immediate increase. Greenfield is a small town of about 1500 inhabitants, and contains four parishes. A few families connected with the Church live in Montague, where the Rector occasionally preaches. These families are not connected with Trinity Church in Montague.

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

The Rector of St. James' Church is engaged to preach in this parish, one third of the time during the present year. The parish is as prosperous as at any previous time. Number of communicants, 35. Missionary aid is needed in this parish. The last year none was received. A Sunday School is organized containing 40 scholars and a small library.

Trinity Church, Montague.

This parish has during the past year somewhat revived. The members have assembled on Sundays for divine service in the school-house, and it is believed that suitable missionary encouragement would establish a prosperous Church. The members of this parish are few in number, and their means are very limited.

TITUS STRONG, *Rector.*

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

Communicants, 52.—Burials, 2.—Confirmed, 3.—This Church has collected $35 for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. It is now vacant, the Rector having resigned.

AARON HUMPHREY, *late Rector.*

St. Mark's Church, Blandford.

The society of this Church have erected, and will complete in the course of a few months, a suitable and commodious edifice for public worship. Divine services are occasionally performed in the village of North Blandford.

A. HUMPHREY, *Minister.*

St. John's Church, Northampton.

Baptisms, Infants 3, Adults 3.—Communicants, Added 3, Died 1, Removed 7, Present number, 10.—Marriages, 1.—Burials, 7.—Sunday School Scholars, 20.—Bible Class, 20.—Missionary Societies, 2.—Families, 30.

Divine service according to the ritual of the Protestant Episcopal Church, began to be regularly performed in this town in the Summer of 1826, under the pastoral direction of the Rev. George Griswold, since deceased. At that time, the congregation was composed principally of a portion of the students connected with the Round-Hill School, and a few Episcopalians from other States, who had a temporary residence here at that time. The congregation gradually increased under the ministrations of Mr. Griswold, and an effort was made in the course of the following year to raise funds for the erection of a Church edifice, but without the desired success. The declining health of Mr. Griswold rendering it necessary for him to remove to a Southern climate, he in the winter of

1827 resigned the charge of the Church, and was succeeded by the present Rector. In the Spring of 1829, the friends of the Church became persuaded that unless a comfortable house were forthwith erected for the accommodation of the congregation, the society would rather decline than increase, and their hopes and expectations in regard to the permanent establishment of an Episcopal Church in this beautiful and important village, would not be realized. They resolved therefore to make another effort for obtaining funds, which by the blessing of a kind Providence has been crowned with success. In consequence of the liberal subscriptions of the members of the Society, together with the assistance which was generously rendered by several gentlemen belonging to the First Congregational society in this town, and by a few Episcopalians from other States who were providentially here at that time, the Society was encouraged to commence the erection of a Church edifice. The corner stone was laid with appropriate religious ceremonies June 13, 1829, and the building was completed in the course of the following December.

It was first opened for divine service December 22, and was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, according to the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, January 13, 1830, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold. It is a neat edifice, constructed of wood, 42 by 60 feet, containing 56 pews on the floor, with an end gallery, and is furnished with a bell and organ. There was not a sufficient sum raised by subscription to complete the building, but it was thought best to finish it in a neat and appropriate manner, in the hope that the friends of the Church, who might become acquainted with the circumstances, would grant such additional aid as might be necessary to relieve the society from distressing embarrassment. This hope we trust will yet be realized. Since the meeting of the last Convention a Missionary Association has been formed in the parish, the funds of which will ultimately be paid into the treasury of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. At the time our Church building was com-

menced, the members of the Female Episcopal Missionary Society resolved to meet once a week at the house of the Rector, to sew for the benefit of the Church; and in the course of the Summer, though their number was very small, and for a considerable portion of the time, no work could be procured, the avails of their labors amounted to about $50, which has been expended in furnishing the church with lamps and with trimmings for the altar, desk, and pulpit. Most of the families that attend church are young, and of course the number of Sunday School Scholars is small. The Sunday School library has been increased to 114 volumes, and 9 copies of the Children's Magazine are taken in the parish. The Society has within the last four months sustained very heavy losses in the removal from town of several of its most valuable members; but we trust that that Saviour who promised to be with his church to the end of the world, will in due time fill up their places, and crown with his blessing our humble efforts for the promotion of his glory and the advancement of his kingdom.

JOSEPH MUENSCHER, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Sutton.

Baptisms, Infants 1, Adults 3.—Communicants, Added 4, Died or removed 2, Present number 14.—Confirmed, 6.—Marriages, 6.—Burials, 3.—Sunday School, 60.—Bible Class, 10.

The Church in this place is of recent origin. Public worship was commenced in July, 1825, under the patronage of David Wilkinson of Pawtucket, R. I., who was proprietor of a considerable manufacturing estate in the neighbourhood. A Church has been built, chiefly at Mr. Wilkinson's expense, and was consecrated in June of last year. Although there was scarcely an Episcopalian in the place at the time of commencing our service, yet has a considerable congregation always attended. And since the erection of the Church, almost all the

families of the neighbourhood and of the manufacturing village have taken pews, and become favorable to our mode of worship.

D. L. B. GOODWIN, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Clappville, in Leicester.

Baptisms, Infants 15, Adults 26.—Communicants, Added 63, Died or removed 7, Present number 66.—Confirmed, 39. —Marriages, 2.—Burials, 7.—Sunday School, 50.—Bible Class, 50.—Missionary Societies, 2.

The past year has been marked with such tokens of Divine favor to this Church, as call for devout and thankful acknowledgment. For five months near the close of the preceding year, they had been destitute of the services of God's house. The inroads of vice had been rapid and alarming. Yet we trust this severe trial was sanctified to some, by leading them to be more fervent in prayer and to look with Christian faith to the Great Head of the church, that he would " in the midst of deserved wrath remember mercy," and bless this portion of his heritage.

By the blessing of God on a diligent use of the means of grace, their spiritual condition has been steadily improving. A serious attention has been awakened to the concerns of the soul. Many who were recently immersed in the vanities of the world, are now enrolled amongst the followers of Jesus. There have been adult baptisms in every month since November, and some have been added to our communion, every time it has been administered during the year. A large number of the young are anxiously " seeking the kingdom of God," and will, there is reason to believe, at no distant period find their way clearly opened to the Holy Altar. The late visit of our venerable and beloved Bishop with the brethren of the Clergy, has left an impress on the minds of the community that cannot soon if ever be effaced. Much however remains to be accomplished. " We are not what we ought to be, what we

hope to be," nor what we desire your prayers that we may be. "But we rejoice, yea we will rejoice in what the Lord hath done. It is his doings, and marvellous in our eyes."

LOT JONES, *Minister.*

St. James' Church, Great Barrington.

Baptisms, Infants 6, Adults 2.—Communicants, Added 5, Died or removed 4, Present number, 79.—Confirmed, 22.—Marriages, 6.—Burials, 13.—Sunday School Scholars, 100.—Bible Class, 45.—Missionary Societies, 1.—Missionary Contributions, $30.

No material change has taken place in the state of our society during the past year. It is believed, that the people are becoming more and more united in the Church, that there is an increase of religious feelings and affections, and a more general expression of desire to attend on the duties and enjoy the blessings of the sanctuary and a preached Gospel. Aliens and strangers who for many years have stood afar off, seem to be drawing nigh and coming into the fold. Families and communicants are restored to their former standing and privileges. In the course of the past year, our people have erected a Chapel at Van Deusen Ville, 40 feet by 71, including the projections of the tower and vestry room. It is a neat and commodious brick building, and cost between $3000 and $4000, and is handsomely finished except painting the inside, which will probably be done in three weeks, after which it will be ready for consecration, which we hope will take place in the course of the Summer or Autumn. Our people are generally satisfied of the expediency of making contributions for Missionary purposes, but as they have paid so much for the Chapel the past year, and have also an old debt to discharge, very little can be done at this time. We have however the happiness to acknowledge, the receipt of 20 dollars from our friend Mr. Newton to the funds of our Missionary Society, to which we have added what we could spare from our own necessary calls. We

also acknowledge the receipt of 100 dollars from S. Sprague, Esq. who has done so much for us. And blessed be God that he has put it into their hearts so to do. And may he raise up a great many such gracious benefactors, fill their hearts with love towards Zion, and make them polished corners in his Temple, and pillars in the house of God. I exceedingly regret being absent from Convention, but circumstances will not permit me to be there. May God in mercy and love preside over your counsels and deliberations, and his blessing rest upon the head of our good Bishop and all the brethren.

STURGES GILBERT, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Lenox.

Baptisms, Infants 13, Adults 1.—Communicants, Added 4, Died or removed, 4, Present number, 46.—Confirmed, 9.—Marriages, 1.—Burials, 3.—Sunday Schools, 33.—Missionary Societies, 2.—Missionary Contributions, $25 for Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, $112 for Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society.—Total $137.

This Church being in connexion, with St. Paul's Church, Otis, and under the pastoral charge of the officiating clergyman of that Church, the remainder of his report is contained in the parochial report of the Church at Otis.

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

Baptisms, Infants 5, Adults 2.—Communicants, Present number, 12.—Confirmed, 10.—Burials, 1.—Missionary Societies, 2.—Missionary Contributions, $13.

The society of this Church being without a convenient place of worship, or suitable accommodations for the celebration of the Lord's Supper, that sacrament has been administered but once since its formation. A very elegant and durable frame 38 feet by 48 for a new church, composed almost entirely of hard wood, was raised on 31st day of May last with religious

services; and it is hoped that Divine worship will shortly be performed in the new edifice. The number of persons belonging to this congregation, has materially increased since the report of the last year.

B. C. C. PARKER, *Minister.*

Grace Church, Boston.

Baptisms, Infants 4, Adults 2.—Communicants, Present number, 31.—Marriages, 11.—Sunday School, 50.—Bible Class, 15.

The state of things at Grace Church is not so promising as might have been desired. The congregation advances slowly, and the finances of the parish have not as yet been equal to its expenditure; but a plan is now before the Church, which, if pursued, will enable Episcopalians to come into the right and title of the church edifice upon the most easy and agreeable terms possible. The duties of the Church have been regularly performed, and a Sunday evening Lecture has been supported by the zeal and kindness of the Boston clergy particularly, and others who have generally visited the city. The Lecture is well attended, with promising prospects. I have extended my efforts to meet the calls of other parishes, which have needed ministerial help. *Two* Sundays have been spent at Quincy, and *three*, by the direction of the Bishop, at Hopkinton, Massachusetts. This latter parish is reduced to the most distressing circumstances: the doors of the church are shut with little prospect of revival. Some visits have been paid at the Great Falls, Somersworth, N. H. with more success. I was called by two or three individuals there, to preach for a Sunday or two at that place. My labors were continued four weeks, and such was the success of this effort under the Divine Blessing, that a new parish was organized and funds raised by the people in aid of supporting a future ministry. The Rev. Henry Blackaller supplied them the five succeeding weeks, and engaged to take the new parish upon

trial. My labors at Somersworth four weeks since were attended with increasing success. This young society has been visited by the Bishop, at which time a goodly number were confirmed and admitted to the Communion, and Priests' Orders were conferred on their minister, Mr. Blackaller, who is still laboring among them with the most lively prospects.

Grace Church Congregation prays the help and advice of the Convention, in its struggle for a standing among the churches of the Diocese.

JAMES SABINE, *Minister.*

Christ Church, Springfield.

Services, according to the ritual of the Protestant Episcopal Church, commenced in the U. S. Chapel on the first Sunday in February 1821, by the Rev. E. Rutledge. The number of persons who took seats at that time was about one hundred, but only a few of them were Episcopalians.

The Communion was first administered by the Rev. Titus Strong of Greenfield, to 27 persons, on Trinity Sunday June 17, 1821. Confirmation was administered by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold, on the evening of July 3, 1821, to 5 persons. The Rev. E. Rutledge closed his services at Springfield with a farewell sermon on the 20th of January, 1822. Since that time the church has had the occasional services of clergymen from almost every part of our Diocese, but its chief dependence has been on the benevolent exertions of the clergy in Hartford, Conn. The number of families anxious to have the services of the church permanently established, is about 30; the average attendance on Sunday, about 120. But all hopes of the services of our Church being permanently established in Springfield must be abandoned, unless a suitable church can be erected, and at least two thirds of the cost obtained elsewhere. It remains for our brethren in the large cities to say whether there shall be a church or not. This is the last opportunity that will present itself to

establish the Church, in one of the most beautiful and prosperous villages in New England. So frequent have been the disappointments of the people, that should this effort fail, we cannot expect, in the ordinary course of events, ever to succeed. The principal persons of a denomination already the most numerous in the town, have intimated their determination to erect another house, if an Episcopal church be not soon erected. We commend the subject to the benevolence of all Episcopalians, praying that the Lord "by whose holy inspiration we think those things that are good," that they may love his holy Church, not in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

J. H. PRICE, *Missionary.*

Report of the Rev. J. P. Fenner, Chaplain United States Navy, stationed at Charlestown.

J. P. Fenner respectfully reports to the Convention of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that he has, during the past year, performed funeral services for two marines.

His regular service is, prayers on board the Receiving Ship every Sunday morning, which are attended by the Naval Officers and seamen attached to the Ship, and to the Navy Yard. The marines do not attend.

During the last few weeks the rendezvous has been opened for recruits for the United States Sloop Concord, preparing for sea, at Portsmouth, N. H. Each detachment of recruits has received such religious and prudential instruction from the Chaplain, as there was opportunity to afford. He has distributed amongst the seamen and marines, about fifty Bibles and Testaments and about forty thousand pages of religious tracts. He regrets that the want of Prayer Books has precluded their distribution.

There being no chapel at the Navy Yard, he has not so extended an opportunity for ministerial usefulness as is desirable, within the immediate sphere of his duty.

For a few Sundays last past, he has officiated at the Marine Hospital at Chelsea, to an attentive audience of about

fifty persons; and has visited in their rooms, such sick persons as could not attend the public service. He has also distributed religious tracts in the Hospital.

He has officiated a few times for some of the clergy; and has tendered his services to a destitute parish for one part of the Lord's day.

It may be gratifying to the Convention to know, that the religious and moral condition of the United States Navy, and of United States seamen generally, is improving; which under the Divine Blessing is to be attributed to the fact, that the Christian community are beginning to be impressed with a sense of their duty, to become the agents for extending the blessings of the gospel of the Eternal Son of God, to such as have hitherto lain perishing without the circle of Christian charity.

J. P. FENNER, *Chaplain.*

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Baptisms, Infants 20, Adults 4.—Communicants, Added 9, Died or removed 6, Present number 73.—Confirmed, 10.—Marriages, 7.—Burials, 13.—Sunday School, 60.—Missionary Societies, 3.—Missionary Contributions, $70.

The Church building was thoroughly repaired the last year, and there have been some additions to the parish. Two of its most active and venerated members have been removed by death; still the blessing of the Great Head of the Church seems to rest upon it, as is manifest in the devout regard which is paid to its Divine institutions, and to the concerns of religion generally among its members. The number of families may be estimated at about one hundred.

JAMES MORSS, *Rector.*

St. Matthew's Church, Boston.

Baptisms, Infants 34, Adults 5.—Communicants, Added 14, Died or removed 5, Present number, 55.—Confirmed, 18. —Marriages, 1.—Burials, 10.—Sunday School, 63.—Bible Class, 25.—Missionary Societies, 1.—Missionary Contributions, $29 12½.

The parish is in a prosperous condition; more so, than at any previous time. As evidence of this fact, it may be stated, that the Church is well attended; and the members of the congregation are disposed to engage in the various objects of Christian charity, which distinguish the present age. Although St. Matthew's is in part supported by the liberal assistance of those belonging to other parishes, there is cherished among its members the same spirit to which in others they are themselves so much indebted. They are organized into four charitable societies, *viz.*—The Sunday School Society, auxiliary to the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union; the Female Missionary Society, the amount of whose contributions is stated above; the Female Charitable Society, designed to furnish relief to the poor members of the parish when sick, and to provide poor children with suitable clothes for attending the Sunday School; and the Juvenile Society, composed of the young members of the Church, the aim of which is to replenish the library connected with the Sunday School.

The amount of money raised by these several societies is necessarily small; but by their existence the parish grows up with a missionary spirit, and with habits of doing good, which is more important than a few dollars. The importance of them will be seen, should the parish ever become large, which, from its present flourishing condition, may be expected. The Juvenile Library, connected with the parish, contains about 350 volumes, and has been productive of incalculable good.

JOHN L. BLAKE, *Rector.*

SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Baptisms.*		Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday School.	Bible Class.	Miss'y. Soc'ys.	Missionary Contributions.
Infants.	Adults.	Added.	Died or removed.	Present number.							
276	70	200	70	1525	227	92	149	1662	278	29	$1558.20

* 16 Baptisms were not particularized, as the baptism of Infants or Adults—adding these, makes a total of 362.

Dr. *Convention of the P. E. Church in Massachusetts in account with T. W. Phillips, Treasurer.* Cr.

1829,			1829,		
June 23,	To Cash paid S. D. Parker Esq., expence of printing Journal of Convention, as per vote		June 18,	By balance in my hands on settlement of acc't	7 21
1830,	of Convention. See receipt	33 47		From the Church in Great Barrington by Rev. Mr. Gilbert.—Assessment	6 00
April 15,	To Cash paid S. Codman Esq., being amount paid by him to Treasurer of General Convention, as per receipt	6 75		From Church in Lenox, by Rev. Mr. Parker. Assessment	3 52
June,	Balance in hands of Treasurer	69 85		*From same, by same, for the Bishop's fund	10 00
		$110 07		From Church in Lowell, by Rev. Mr. Edson. Assessment	12 00
				From St. Paul's Church, Boston, by H. Codman Esq.—Assessment	30 00
				From St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.—Assessment	10 50
			1830,		
			April 3,	From Christ Church, Cambridge, by S. P. P. Fay Esq.—Assessment for 1829 and 1830	10 00
			" 27,	*From St. Peter's Church, Salem, Easter collection for the Bishop to dispose of .	10 34
			June 11,	From St. Paul's Church, Dedham, by Rev. Mr. Boyle.—Assessment	10 50
		$110 07			$110 07

* These two sums compose the $20 34 referred to on page 9 of the Journal.

Errors excepted.

T. W. PHILLIPS, *Treasurer.*

June 16, 1830.

ADDITIONAL REPORT.

1830, June 16. The Treasurer has received this day, assessment on the Church in Lanesboro', 1830 . . . . $6 00
" on the Church in Leicester, 1830 . . . . 6 00
" on the Church in Bridgewater, 1830 . . . . 1 00

$13 00

T. W. PHILLIPS, *Treasurer.*

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. Every member, who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the question.

8. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone it; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

10. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the President leave his chair.

CANONS.

Respecting the mode of trying disorderly Clergymen, adopted in Convention in 1802.

CANON I.

Disorderly, scandalous, and immoral conduct, neglect of duty, disregard of the Constitution or Canons of the General or State Conventions, a continued non-attendance at the annual Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth, without sufficient reasons in the judgment of the Convention, disseminating or countenancing opinions contrary to the doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, are offences, for which a clergyman ought to be censured, and accused of which by the Convention, he ought to be brought to trial.

CANON II.

If any clergyman of this Church offend in any instances enumerated in the foregoing Canon, complaint may be made thereof by the wardens, or by three or more communicants of the

Church of which he is incumbent, or at which he officiates, or by any other clergyman, to the annual Convention; and if, in the opinions of the majority of both orders, there shall be sufficient cause for said complaint, the same shall be certified to the Bishop, whose duty it shall be to furnish the accused person with a copy of the charges alleged against him, and require him to make answer thereto before him and his council, whom he shall convene to hear and judge of said charge or charges, and notify the accused of the time and place of meeting; notice thereof to be given at least one month before. And if the Bishop and his council, or a major part of them, after hearing the evidence, shall judge the accused person guilty of said charge, the Bishop shall reprove, suspend, or degrade the person so convicted, as he and the said major part of his said council shall think the offence may deserve. But if the offence require degradation or deposition of the person so convicted, sentence shall be pronounced, in the mode prescribed by the sixth article of the General Constitution. And in case the person accused shall neglect to appear after due notice, given as aforesaid, the Bishop and his council shall proceed *ex parte*, and if the judgment shall be censure, the Bishop shall send the same to the person so convicted in writing: but if the offence shall amount to suspension or degradation, the same shall be published agreeably to the directions of the twenty-seventh Canon of the General Convention.

CANON OF 1828,

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum and one half of one per centum* on the salary of its minister: and those parishes, which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay-delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay

the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual Report, what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Convention: and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, *viz.* to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop to this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies at least of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

Form of Certificates to be given to Lay-Delegates.

This certifies, that at a regular meeting of those persons in the parish of *(here enter the name and place of the church)*, entitled by law to vote in parish affairs *(here enter the date of the meeting and the names of the persons elected)*, were duly elected, to represent this Church, as Lay-Delegates, in any Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which may be holden during the ensuing year.

Signed.

N. B. By the 6th article of the Constitution, all certificates of the appointment of Lay-Delegates must be signed by one or both of the Wardens of a Church, or by the Clerk of its Proprietors. The signature of the Rector or Minister of a Church cannot be received.

A FORM OF PRAYER,

ALLOWED TO BE USED

ON DAYS APPOINTED BY THE CIVIL AUTHORITY

AS PUBLIC FASTS.

¶ The Service is to be as usual, excepting the alterations hereby permitted.

¶ Among the Sentences at the commencement of Morning and Evening Prayers may be the following:

REND your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat-offering and a drink-offering, unto the Lord your God?—*Joel* ii. 13, 14.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. *Isaiah* lv. 7.

¶ The *Venite Exultemus* may be omitted.

PROPER PSALMS.

Morning: 25th and 51st.

Evening: 86th, 130th, and 143d.

¶ The officiating Minister may, at his discretion, instead of the above, select other Psalms, which in his opinion, may be more appropriate to the particular occasion.

LESSONS.

Morning—First, Isaiah lviii.—Second, Matt. vi.

Evening—First, Ezekiel xviii.—Second, James iv.

¶ The Litany is not to be omitted.

¶ Immediately before the General Thanksgiving, in both the Morning and Evening Service, a part or all of the following Prayers may be used.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are

penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, duly lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD God and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon mankind, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live; look down, we beseech thee, with thy mercy, upon us, who humbly confess our manifold trespasses and sins. Do thou, to whom alone it appertaineth to forgive sins, spare the people whom in mercy thou hast redeemed with the Saviour's blood. Enter not into judgment with thy servants, O Lord, nor visit us according to our iniquities. Help us, we implore thee, meekly to acknowledge our vileness, and truly to repent us of our faults. Turn us, O Lord our God, to thee, and so we shall be turned. Be merciful, O be merciful, to those who humbly desire, with weeping, fasting, and prayer, to turn to thee. Thou art a God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity, sparing those who deserve punishment, and in thy righteous wrath remembering mercy. Hear us, then, O Lord God, whose compassions are so great, hear us, we beseech thee, and, after the multitude of thy mercies, cleanse us from all defilement of sin; and sanctify our hearts, and save our souls, through the merits and mediation of thy only Son, our blessed Saviour. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, whose wise and righteous Providence governs all things in heaven and on earth, look down, we humbly beseech thee in mercy, upon our country, and upon all the people of these United States. Restrain thine indignation against our multiplied sins, and turn thine anger from us. Remember not our offences against thee, but thy love to us in Jesus Christ, and all thy mercies, which have been ever of old. From the judgments of thy hand, may our people learn righteousness, and may thy patient goodness and forbearance and long-suffering lead us to repentance. May

peace, through thy mercy, ever reign in our borders, and our land continue to bring forth its increase. We beseech thee, O God, to bless the Governor, and other rulers of this State, and all those who are set in authority over us; and so to rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that vice may be suppressed, and godliness abound. In all dangers and difficulties, may we ever look unto thee as our only helper and defence. We pray that thy watchful care, and holy, protecting Providence, may be over us for good. Guide us continually with thy unerring counsel, prosper us in all our lawful pursuits, and preserve us from desolating judgments and calamitous events. Grant, O God, to us and to all thy people, that we may so love the things which thou commandest, and desire those which thou dost promise, that, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found. These and all other necessaries for us, and for our rulers, and for all estates of thy people in this our favored country, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

THE COMMUNION SERVICE.

THE COLLECTS.

O BLESSED Lord, who didst direct that thy disciples should fast, when the Bridegroom should be taken from them; and for our sakes and for our example, didst thyself fast upon the earth, give us grace, we beseech thee, to use such abstinence and self-denial, that our flesh may be reduced to the spirit, and that we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honor and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O HOLY, eternal, and gracious God, whose ways are all righteous, and whose mercies cannot be numbered, we thy sinful people, this day assembled, in thy name and presence, to bow before thee, with fasting, humiliation, and prayer, do confess our many sins, and acknowledge that it is of thy mercies that we are not consumed. Great and manifold have been thy blessings bestowed upon us, and upon our country, whilst by our sins we have provoked thy just wrath and indignation against us. Thou, O God, art ever good, but we are ungrateful sinners. O enter not into judgment with us, for in thy sight must we be condemned. Make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of our evil hearts and sinful ways; work in us a hearty contrition; give us that godly sorrow for our sins which shall work repentance not to be repented of. O take not thy Holy Spirit from us; but rather work within us to will and to do what is pleasing in thy sight. Turn us, we beseech thee, from the error of our ways, and so renew us in the spirit of our minds, and create us again unto good works, that we may walk before thee in faith and righteousness in this present world, and inherit thine everlasting kingdom in that which is to come. And grant, O Lord, that our land may still enjoy the light of thy truth, and the blessings of thy bountiful hand. Remove from us all spiritual ignorance, and an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from thee, the living God. Be thou with us, as thou wast with our fathers; and bless us, O God, even as thou blessedst them; to thy honor and glory, and to our comfort and salvation in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Epistle. Eph. iv. 17—32.

THIS I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all unclean-

ness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ: if so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him as the truth is in Jesus: that ye put off concerning the former conversation, the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore, putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

The Gospel. Luke xiii. 1—9.

THERE were present at that season some that told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering, said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

He spake also this parable: A certain man had a fig-tree planted in his vineyard, and he came and sought fruit thereon,

and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig-tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering, said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: and if it bear fruit, well; and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

A Prayer for Courts of Justice.

ADORABLE and everlasting God, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon the earth, and who alone canst order the unruly wills, and control the evil affections of sinful man, we desire to present before thee our humble supplications. And may we approach thee with a due sense that thou art in heaven, and we in a sinful world; and that without thee nothing is strong, nothing is holy, nothing wise or good. Thou knowest, O God, our need before we ask, and the imperfection of our most sincere devotions. Do thou forgive our sins, sanctify our hearts, and hear our prayer. We humbly implore the gracious protection of thy good Providence, and the favor of thy heavenly benediction upon the people and the government of these United States, and of this State especially in which we live; beseeching thee so to guide their counsels and strengthen their hands, that the hearts of the disobedient may be turned to the wisdom of the just, and that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established in our land; and that thy people, being secure, through the protection of equal laws, and the administration of impartial justice, may joyfully serve thee in quietness and peace, in all virtue and godliness of living.

More particularly do we make our prayers to thee, the only wise God, in behalf of this Court by thy good Providence now assembled, for the administration of justice to thy people. Look down, we beseech thee, with thy favor and blessing upon the Judges and other officers. Give them the spirit of wisdom

and understanding, the spirit of counsel and true knowledge, and so fill them with the spirit of thy holy fear, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, restrain wickedness and vice, and maintain righteousness and peace. May the sword which they are appointed to bear, be such a terror to evil works, that it may not be borne in vain. From the equity of their judgments may men learn righteousness; honoring them as the ministers of God for good, and submitting to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake.

And grant, O Lord, that they who shall come before this Court to obtain justice and right, according to the wise and equitable laws of their country, may in their hearts be disposed to do justly and to love mercy, and to render that measure to others, which they seek for themselves. Preserve them and all thy people from envy, hatred, and malice, and from all uncharitableness. May we do to others, as we would have them do to us, and owe no man any thing but to love one another, and may we ever remain a happy and united people, having justice for our guide and the Lord for our God.

And, O thou righteous Judge of all the earth, may the solemnities of an earthly tribunal awaken in our minds a lively apprehension, and impress upon our hearts a constant remembrance of that great day, when we must all appear before the bar of eternal judgment, and receive our final doom to bliss or woe. May we consider well and wisely, and in a time accepted, what testimony these passing hours may give, at that time when all hearts shall be laid open, and no secrets can be hid. Give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and walk in the light of truth, and according to thy righteous laws; that in the last day, when our Saviour Christ shall come again, in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we, through him, may rise to life immortal, and hear the sentence and receive the blessing, which he shall then pronounce to all who love and fear thee, saying, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

Extend, O Lord, we beseech thee, the blessings of civil freedom and the adminstration of impartial justice to all the people of the earth. Give peace and harmony to contending nations, and so rule their hearts and enlighten their minds, that they may live in unity and godly love. Bless the prevailing of thy glorious Gospel, till the Redeemer's kingdom shall be spread to the utmost bounds of this habitable globe, and all the ends of the world shall see the salvation of our God.

These things, O heavenly Father, and whatever else thou shalt see fitting for us, for this Court of Justice, for our State and country, and for all mankind, we humbly ask in the name, and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour.

And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all. *Amen.*

¶ The above may be used, either the whole or a part of it; and either separately, or with selections from the Prayer Book.

The above Forms of Prayer for Days of Fasting, and for Courts of Justice, are set forth and authorized to be used in the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Eastern Diocese.

ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD,
Bishop of the Eastern Diocese.

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The Rev. DANIEL L. B. GOODWIN, Rector of St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville (Sutton).

The Rev. GEORGE F. HASKINS, Rector of Grace Church, Boston.

The Rev. GALEN HICKS, residing in Taunton.

The Rev. JOHN H. HOPKINS, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. AARON HUMPHREY.

The Rev. SAMUEL F. JARVIS, D. D.

The Rev. LOT JONES, Rector of Christ Church, Clappville (Leicester).

The Rev. HENRY C. KNIGHT, residing in Boston.

The Rev. JAMES MORSS, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

The Rev. MATTHIAS MUNRO, Deacon, Minister of Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

The Rev. B. C. C. PARKER, Rector of Trinity Church, Lenox; St. Paul's Church, Otis; and St. Mark's Church, Blandford.

The Rev. ALONZO POTTER, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

The Rev. WILLIAM T. POTTER, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy.

The Rev. JOSEPH H. PRICE, Chaplain of the House of Industry, Boston.

The Rev. TITUS STRONG, Rector of St. James' Church, Greenfield.

The Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, Chaplain and Superintendent of the House of Reformation, Boston.

The Rev. JOHN WEST, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Taunton.

The Rev. WILLIAM WITHINGTON.

The Rev. CALVIN WOLCOTT, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, and Trinity Church, Marshfield.

Total 32.

The following Clergymen were not present at the sittings of the Convention.

Rev. Silas Blaisdale,	Rev. Galen Hicks,
" James Everett,	" Aaron Humphrey,
" J. P. Fenner,	" S. F. Jarvis, D. D.
" Sturges Gilbert,	" John West.

Candidates for Holy Orders in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Samuel B. Babcock.
Charles Fay.
Francis A. Foxcroft.
Samuel McBurney.
Jacob Pierson.
John Woart.

St. Paul's Church, Boston, June 15, 1831.

This being the day appointed for the annual meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. A. V. Griswold, D. D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, and a number of Clergymen and Laymen assembled in St. Paul's Church, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention was called to order by Bishop Griswold, and the roll of the clergy called by the Secretary. The gentlemen present and absent, are mentioned in the foregoing lists.

Certificates in behalf of the following gentlemen, as Lay Delegates, were then presented and read.

Trinity Church, Boston,	Gardiner Greene, Esq. Edward H. Robbins, Esq. Joseph Head, Jr., Esq.
St. Paul's Church, Boston,	Stephen Codman, Esq. Hon. James C. Merrill, Enoch Hale, Jr., M. D.
Christ Church, Boston,	Thomas Clark, Esq. John Sowdon, John Wilson.
St. Matthew's Church, Boston,	Freeman Hunt, John Stimpson, Barnum Field.
Grace Church, Boston,	Charles Williams, Ruggles Slack.
St Anne's Church, Lowell,	Dr. John O. Green, Jacob Robbins.
St. Peter's Church, Salem,	John Howard, Esq. John W. Treadwell, Esq.
Christ Church, Cambridge,	Joseph Foster, Esq. Isaac Lum, George Bethune.
St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls,	Lemuel Crehore, Simeon B. Carpenter, Ezra Warren.
St. Paul's Church, Dedham,	Samuel Swett, Abraham T. Howe.
Christ Church, Quincy,	George Veazie, George Hardwick, Nathan Fisk.
Trinity Church, Bridgewater,	Silas Warren, Esq. Henry Edson, Ephraim Sprague.
St. Andrew's Church, Hanover,	Melzar Curtis, Esq. Daniel Bassett.
Christ Church, Clappville (Leicester),	Henry K. Newcomb, Esq. H. McFarland, Esq.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport,	John Woart, William Faris, Esq.
St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville (Sutton),	Abraham Chase, Nathaniel Dodge, Charles P. Baldwin.
St. James' Church, Greenfield,	Hon. Richard E. Newcomb, Isaac Newton, Esq.
*St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	Hosea Merrill, Jr. Edward A. Newton, Esq. Jonathan Allen, Jr.

The following Lay Delegates were not present at the sittings of the Convention.

Charles P. Baldwin,	H. McFarland,
Daniel Bassett,	H. K. Newcomb,
George Bethune,	Isaac Newton,
Simeon B. Carpenter,	Jacob Robbins,
Abraham Chase,	John Stimpson,
Stephen Codman,	Samuel Swett,
George Hardwick,	George Veazie,
John Howard,	Silas Warren.

Churches from which no Certificates of the appointment of Lay Delegates were received.

St. Thomas' Church, Taunton.
Trinity Church, Marshfield.
St. John's Church, Northampton.
St. John's Church, Ashfield.
St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.
St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

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* This Church, as will be seen on page 8 of the Journal, was not admitted into connexion with the Convention, till the present session. It is inserted here for the convenience of reference.

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.
St. Mark's Church, Blandford.
Trinity Church, Montague.
Trinity Church, Lenox.
St. Paul's Church, Otis.
St. James' Church, Great Barrington.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to choose a Secretary by ballot, when the Rev. Mr. Coit, was re-elected.

On motion, the Convention appointed the Rev. Mr. Croswell, Assistant Secretary.

The following document was then presented by the Rev. Mr. Doane.

" At a meeting of the parish of St. Stephen's Church, in Pittsfield, held on the 19th July, 1830, it was voted unanimously, and recorded on the records thereof: 'That this Church accedes to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and of the same Church in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.' *Attest*, DANIEL B. BUSH, *Clerk*."

Whereupon, *on motion* of the same Rev. Gentleman, St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, was admitted into connexion with the Convention.

A certificate in favor of Hosea Merrill, Jr., Edward A. Newton, and Jonathan Allen, Jr., as Lay Delegates of said Church, was then read, and they were admitted to seats in the Convention.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Croswell, Resolved, that visiting Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Candidates for Holy Orders, and other members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be in the City, and wish to attend our deliberations, be admitted to honorary seats in the Convention.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Strong, it was Voted, to adopt the Rules of Order for the last Convention.

A Communication was then read by the Secretary, from the President of the Convention of the Diocese of New York, in relation to the lamented death of the late Bishop Hobart: Whereupon, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Doane, it was Resolved, that this Convention, sympathizing deeply with the sister Diocese of New York, in her late afflictive bereavement, order the communication to be entered on the records, and printed in the Journal of the Convention.

The Communication is as follows:

"*Resolutions unanimously passed in the Forty-fifth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of New York, held in Trinity Church, in the City of New York, October* 7, 1830.

"WHEREAS, Almighty God, in the dispensation of his most wise and holy providence, has seen fit to remove, by death, from the scene of his labors in the Church on earth, the Right Reverend JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., the Bishop of this Diocese; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That while this Convention recognize, with deep humility, the duty of unmurmuring submission to this bereaving visitation, as the act of infinite wisdom, they cannot but deplore it as a loss no less deep and afflicting in its influence upon the hearts of those who are now mourning the removal of their spiritual father, than it is extensive in its effect upon the whole Church from which has been taken a wise and faithful overseer, who, in addition to extraordinary reach and vigor of intellectual powers, possessed those noble, amiable, and engaging qualities of the heart, which made him the delight of every circle in which he moved.

"*Resolved*, That this Convention, while bowing with resignation under this sore bereavement, regard it as their duty to record their most unequivocal demonstrations of gratitude to the great Head of the Church, for the example of that exalted and ardent piety which was exhibited through the whole

life of their deceased Diocesan; for the untiring zeal and assiduity with which he prosecuted his duties as a Christian Minister and Bishop; for the extension and prosperity of the Church, which, under the divine blessing, are to be ascribed to the timely efforts and judicious arrangements into which he entered; for the tender, persuasive, commanding, and eloquent manner in which he set forth and vindicated the momentous truths of the Christian faith, while with equal power and efficacy he urged the importance of constancy and fidelity in all the exercises of Christian practice; for the sound and unvarying policy which he adopted and carried out in every department of duty, and which, disregarding all minor considerations, looked only to the glory of GOD, and the advancement of his Church; being guided by his own deep conviction of her apostolic origin, of her ability to furnish to all her members the best means of their edification in the gospel of CHRIST, and of their growth in all holiness of heart and temper.

"*Resolved*, That this Convention most respectfully and affectionately offer their condolence and sympathy to the bereaved relict and children of their departed Bishop, with the assurance of their admiration of his character as a husband and father.

"*Resolved*, That this Convention will cherish a grateful recollection of the many expressions of veneration and affectionate regard for their lamented Diocesan, which have been given by other dioceses; and, while they derive consolation from the sympathy of their brethren abroad, they cannot but express their approbation of the demonstrations of humble and pious sorrow exhibited by numerous parishes and other bodies throughout this diocese.

"*Resolved*, That this Convention, devoutly regarding this afflicting visitation in the light of a most impressive call upon the Clergy and people of the diocese, for renewed exertion in all the duties of a holy life, and as an admonition to every one to hold himself in readiness to render an account of his

stewardship,— would most earnestly call upon all their brethren to make it a subject of their continual prayers, that it may be so sanctified to all the members of this diocese and to the Church at large, through the mighty power of divine grace, as to produce in every one, that state of holy preparation which shall result in that peace which attends the death of the righteous.

"*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased Bishop, and to all those bodies in which notice has been taken of this most painful visitation.

THOMAS LYELL, *President of Convention.*

L. SILLIMAN IVES, *Assistant Secretary.*"

A Communication from the Secretary of the General Convention, respecting an assessment of 25 cents for each clergyman, to defray the expenses of said Convention, was then read by the Secretary: Whereupon it was ordered, that the amount of this assessment for Massachusetts be paid by the Treasurer, as soon as possible.

The hour of 10 A. M. having arrived, the business of the Convention was suspended for Divine Service.

The Rev. Joseph Muenscher officiated in the desk. The Sermon was by the Rev. B. C. C. Parker, from 1 Cor. ii. 1, 2. The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Muenscher.

Convention proceeded to business after Divine Service, at one o'clock.

On motion, Voted, that the Convention adjourn at half past two, to meet at four o'clock.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to choose a Treasurer by ballot, when William Parker, Esq., was chosen.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Doane, Resolved, that this Convention have heard with deep regret, since their last meeting, intelligence of the death of their lamented friend and senior brother, the Rev. Dr. Gardiner; and desire now to record their testimony of affectionate respect for his virtues, of sympathy with his beloved family, and of sorrow for his loss.

On motion, by E. A. Newton, Esq., Resolved, that a Committee be appointed, to inquire into the expediency and propriety of this State's withdrawing from the Convention of the Eastern Diocese, and having a Bishop exclusively to itself, and as to the measures necessary to be taken, for the accomplishment of this end.

It was proposed to amend the resolution, by adding at the end of it, the words, "and to report to this Convention." The amendment was agreed to.

On motion, it was Resolved, that this Committee consist of five persons; three clergymen, and two laymen.

On motion, it was Resolved, to appoint a Committee of nomination.

E. H. Robbins, Esq., Rev. Dr. Eaton, and Rev. G. W. Doane were appointed.

On motion, Voted, that the thanks of this Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Parker, for his Sermon delivered before them.

The Committee appointed to nominate a Committee, agreeably to Mr. Newton's resolution, reported the following names, which were accepted:

E. A. Newton, Esq., Rev. G. W. Doane, Rev. A. Potter, Rev. T. Strong, and J. W. Treadwell, Esq.

On motion, Resolved, that a Committee be appointed, to report the business remaining to be done.

Messrs. Strong, Merrill, and the Secretary were appointed; when the Convention adjourned, to meet again at 4 o'clock.

St. Paul's Church, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met, and proceeded to business.

On motion, by E. H. Robbins, Esq., Resolved, that —— be a Committee, to consider the subject of Theological Education, and report a plan *to the present Convention.*

On motion, Resolved, to fill the blank with the number five, and to appoint a Committee of nomination.

E. A. Newton, Esq., Rev. Mr. Wells, and Dr. Hale were appointed.

The Committee of nomination reported the following names, which were accepted:

E. H. Robbins, Esq., Rev. Theodore Edson, Rev. G. W. Doane, Rev. T. W. Coit, Hon. James C. Merrill.

The Committee on the remaining business made their report, and recommended, that all elections be by ballot. Their report was accepted, and their recommendation adopted.

The following gentlemen were then elected the Standing Committee, for the ensuing year:

Rev. G. W. Doane, Rev. A. Potter, Rev. I. Boyle, Thomas Clark, Esq., George Brinley, Esq., Henry Codman, Esq.

Judge Newcomb and J. W. Treadwell, Esq., asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day.

The following gentlemen were elected preachers for the next Convention:

Rev. A. Potter, Rev. G. W. Doane.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Strong, Resolved, that a Committee of five be appointed to consult respecting provision for the widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, and to report to the next Convention.

The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee for this purpose:

Rev. Dr. Morss, Rev. G. W. Doane, Rev. A. Potter, Hon. James C. Merrill, J. W. Treadwell, Esq.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till half past 8, A. M., to-morrow.

St. Paul's Church, Thursday, June 16th, 1831.

The Convention met, at half past 8, agreeably to the motion for adjournment. Divine Service was conducted by the Rev. A. L. Baury, agreeably to the first rule of order, after which the roll was called by the Secretary, and the Convention proceeded to business.

The Secretaries commenced and finished the reading of the parochial reports.* The Treasurer's accounts were presented, and committed to a Committee (Mr. Charles Williams), to audit them and examine his vouchers.†

The Committee on Theological Education made their report, as follows:

"The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Theological Education in Massachusetts, respectfully report: That in their judgment, that great object, so often and so earnestly recommended by the Right Reverend, the Bishop, the establishment of a Theological School within the Eastern Diocese, seems now, in the course of Divine Providence, more nearly within their reach, than at any former time.

"The Rev. John H. Hopkins, whose acceptance of the office of Assistant Minister to Trinity Church has recently been announced, has been most successfully employed for several years, in conducting a private school for theological education in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Among the considerations, inciting him to a removal to Massachusetts, one of the strongest, as has been stated to the Committee, was the opinion, expressed by the Bishop and others of the clergy, that his services might be most usefully directed to the same object in this vicinity. The peculiar circumstances of Mr. Hopkins's parochial connexion, exempting him from pastoral duty, except on public occasions, and his purpose of residence at Cambridge, sufficiently near to the

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* For the Reports, see Appendix.

† Convention adjourned without receiving Mr. Williams's report; the accounts, therefore, will not appear, till the Journal of 1832 is published.

city to enjoy its benefits and escape its disadvantages, and within the reach of peculiar literary conveniences, present, in the view of the Committee, great facilities for its immediate and effectual accomplishment. Desirous to ensure for the Church, advantages so great for her extension and edification, the Committee earnestly recommend the establishment of a Theological School, under the auspices of this Convention, at Cambridge, in Massachusetts.

"The following outlines of a plan, in accordance with the terms of the resolution, under which they are appointed, are submitted by the Committee.

I.

"There shall be established forthwith by this Convention, at Cambridge, an Institution for the Education of Candidates for Holy Orders, in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and subject to the regulation of its Constitution and Canons; to be entitled, 'The Massachusetts Episcopal Theological School.'

II.

"There shall be appointed by this Convention, at its present session, a board of Trustees, consisting of six clerical and six lay members, the Bishop, having jurisdiction in Massachusetts, to be also a member, and *ex officio* the President of the Board: — the Board to have full power to devise and adopt a course of Theological Education, and a system of discipline for the same: to establish a professorship or professorships in theology, and to elect and appoint suitable persons, subject to their direction, to perform the duties thereof: to regulate the admission of students, and their connexion with the school: to provide ways and means for carrying the several provisions of the plan into effect, and in general, to do all other acts and things, necessary for the accomplishment of the resolutions on Theological Education, adopted by this Convention. The said Trustees shall have power to fill vacancies, *pro tempore*, in the Board, *during the recess of the*

Convention; * but they shall report annually to the Convention the state and progress of the School, and any member, except the President *ex officio*, shall be removable by the Convention, at any annual meeting.

III.

"There shall be a Board of Visitors, of which the Bishop, having jurisdiction in Massachusetts, shall be *ex officio* President, to consist of the Bishops having jurisdiction in the several New England States, with the several Secretaries of the Conventions in the same; † who shall have power at all times, to visit and examine the School; to report to this Convention deficiences, or to propose amendments in its course of theological instruction and discipline. And no student shall be admitted to any foundation or scholarship in the school, who shall not sustain a satisfactory examination, as to his talents and acquirements, and produce suitable testimonials of his moral and religious character, before a Committee, to be appointed by the Board of Visitors, of clergymen resident in Boston and its vicinity.

"Further details the Committee do not deem to be necessary for adoption by the Convention. They earnestly commend, however, to the Convention, and to the Trustees and Visitors, should they be appointed, the immediate execution of their several trusts. And they feel, that they cannot better close their report, on a subject so momentous, than by earnestly invoking for it the guidance and blessing of the Divine Head of the Church. E. H. ROBBINS, *Chairman.*"

Mr. Munro and Mr. Sprague asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

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* The words "pro tempore," and "during the recess of the Convention," were added by amendment; but it is thought best to print the report as finally accepted.

† This clause is an amendment; the first proposition was, to have the Board consist of one clergyman and one layman, from each of the States now composing the Eastern Diocese.

A motion was made, that the whole subject of the report of the Committee on Theological Education, be indefinitely postponed; but the motion was lost. The question was then taken, upon the consideration of the plan proposed by the Committee, by sections, and it was resolved so to consider it.

A motion was made to strike out from section first, the words "at Cambridge;" that the sense of the Convention might be taken, upon the naked proposition, of the establishment of a school.

The motion was agreed to, and after a long and animated debate, the section, with the erasure, was passed with great unanimity.

A motion was then made to re-insert the words "at Cambridge," which passed with three or four dissentient voices: so the first section was adopted.

The question was then taken, upon the second section, and decided in the affirmative, after the proposing of some amendments, specified on page 15: so the second section was adopted.

The question was then taken upon the third section, which was likewise decided in the affirmative, after the proposing of some amendments, specified on page 16: so the third section was adopted.

The question was then taken upon the report of the Committee, and the report was accepted.

On motion, Resolved to appoint a Committee of three, to nominate Trustees, for the purposes named in the second section of the plan, proposed by the Committee on Theological Education.

E. A. Newton, Esq., Rev. Dr. Eaton, and Rev. A. L. Baury were appointed.

The Committee, appointed to consider the subject of this State's withdrawing from the Convention of the Eastern Diocese, and having a Bishop exclusively to itself, and the measures necessary to be taken for the accomplishment of this

end, made their report; which, after considerable debate, and one amendment, was at length accepted by a large majority.

The report, as amended, by the erasure of a single clause at the end, is as follows:

"The Committee, appointed to consider the propriety and expediency of erecting Massachusetts into a separate Diocese, and, if practicable, the means of accomplishing it, respectfully report: That if such an arrangement can be effected, with the concurrence and approbation of the other States with which it is now connected, and the Episcopal jurisdiction of the Right Rev. Bishop Griswold be retained, it is in the highest degree expedient and desirable, not only as respects Massachusetts, but likewise for the sister States of the Eastern Diocese; the prosperity of the church in each, depending mainly, under God, on the constant oversight, and frequent visitations of its spiritual Father.

"As to the means:—The Committee recommend, that the Secretary of this Convention be instructed to communicate this report to the several Standing Committees of Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, earnestly and affectionately commending the proposition to their consideration and earliest attention. E. A. NEWTON, *Chairman.*"

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Doane, Resolved, that this Convention entertain an increased conviction, of the necessity and efficiency of the General Theological Seminary, to the prosperity of the Church; and that so far from expressing any unfavorable opinion, or want of interest, in regard to it, by the resolutions adopted in establishment of a Theological School in Massachusetts, made necessary in their judgment, by the *peculiar* and pressing wants of the Eastern Diocese, they earnestly commend it to the blessing of God, and will render it their cordial support, as one of the most important of the general institutions of the Church.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention, to take into consideration the Constitution and Canons generally,

made a report, which was accepted, and their proposed amendments of course lie over to the next Convention.*

The Committee of nomination for Trustees of the 'Massachusetts Episcopal Theological School,' reported the following names, which were accepted.

Clergy,
- Rev. Dr. Eaton,
- " Dr. Morss,
- " G. W. Doane,
- " Alonzo Potter,
- " Theodore Edson,
- " T. W. Coit.

Laity,
- Gardiner Greene, Esq.,
- George Brinley, Esq.,
- J. C. Warren, M. D.,
- E. Tuckerman, Esq.,
- Joseph Foster Esq.,
- E. A. Newton, Esq.

The resolution of the Rev. A. Potter, respecting the use of a Collect before Sermon, which was laid on the table, during the last session of the Convention, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion, by Thomas Clark, Esq., seconded by the Rev. Dr. Eaton, it was voted, that the next Convention be holden in Christ Church, Boston.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Croswell, it was voted, that the Convention meet at 9 o'clock A. M., that divine service be at 10 A. M., and that notice of the time of meeting and of divine service, be given by the Secretary, to the clergymen in the city, and in the newspapers.

On motion, Voted, that the Secretaries be a Committee to print the Journal: that a thousand copies of the Journal be printed, and that the Treasurer of the Convention audit and pay the bill for printing, as soon as possible.

On motion, it was resolved to dispense with the resolution, requiring that all elections shall be by ballot, and to elect as delegates to the next General Convention, the same gentlemen who were elected last year.

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* For a Constitution and Canons reported by them, see Appendix.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS ESTABLISHED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1830.

Church.	Place.	Minister.	Baptisms.		Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday School. *	Bible Class. *	Missionary Societies.	Missionary Contributions.
			Infants.	Adults.	Added.	Died or removed.	Present number.							

N. B. It is expected, that the Clergyman make such observations, as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish, and of his ministerial services, during the past year.

* Under these heads it is desirable, that the number of members should be stated.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Trinity Church, Boston, Suffolk County.

Baptisms, Infants 17, Adults 3. — Communicants, Died or removed 3, Added 40, Present number, 250. — Marriages, 2. — Burials, 9. — Sunday Scholars, about 80, average attendance, 60. — Two Classes for Scriptural Instruction, 45 attendants. — Easter Collections for Destitute Churches, $193,80. Whole amount contributed during the past year for Missionary and other general purposes of the Church, $1337,30.

Since the last Parochial Report, the Rev. Dr. Gardiner, for 25 years the respected Rector of Trinity Church, and the Senior member of this Convention, has departed this life. He died at Harrowgate, England, on the 29th of July, 1830. Resolutions expressive of regret and condolence were passed by the Diocesan Convention. — The present incumbent was elected to the Rectorship on the 7th of December, 1830, and on the 19th of April, 1831, was instituted as Rector, by the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese, a large number of the clergy being present and assisting. — Of the present state of the parish, the Rector is authorized to say, that it is encouraging to his best hopes of the spiritual improvement of its members. The additions to the Communion, which, though gradual and at intervals, are, in many instances, from among the most influential of the parishioners, and have amounted, in the whole, to 40, are the most obvious evidences of increased seriousness and religious devotion. An increased attendance also at the Lent Lectures, delivered in the Church, and on the several Festivals and Fasts, on all which occasions the Church is opened for morning prayer, has been observed with great satisfaction. Success, far exceeding the highest expectations, has followed the establishment of Classes for

Scriptural instruction. In the number in attendance, there is almost every variety of age and condition, and all are engaged with ardor and intelligence in the study of the Sacred Volume. In this way, not only is the instruction of the teachers in the Sunday School secured, but a zeal for sacred knowledge, and an intimate acquaintance with the words of eternal life, are diffused throughout the parish. — Of the Sunday School, as of the Scriptural Classes, the Rector still retains the immediate personal superintendence, convinced, that though the labor of instructing the young in the doctrines and duties of religion may be usefully divided, it can never with safety nor in fidelity be delegated. It is the object of the Rector, in arranging the instructions of the School, to present the Bible always in the Church, the truth of God, on its divine pillar and ground. A Scriptural lesson daily, under the Rector's immediate direction, a daily lesson in the Catechism, Collect, or other part of the Liturgy, with lessons or familiar explanations, illustrative of their mutual connexion with each other, form the basis of instruction in the School. The Rector, in conclusion, feels himself constrained, with humble prayers for a continuance of the divine blessing on his ministrations, to thank God and take courage. — The Rev. John H. Hopkins, late Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburg, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has been elected to the office of Assistant Minister on the Greene Foundation, and will enter on its duties in September. There is reason, the undersigned cannot but feel and say, to congratulate himself, the parish, and the diocese, on this happy arrangement.

G. W. DOANE, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Boston, Suffolk County.

Baptisms, Infants 18, Adults 1. — Communicants, Added 20, Died or removed 14, Present number, 246. — Marriages, 2. — Burials, 14. — Sunday School, 150. — Bible Class, 35.

— Missionary Societies, 2. — Missionary Contributions, $1000.

The state of this parish has not materially changed since the last Convention. — During a few months, there has prevailed a greater degree of religious sensibility than usual, which has resulted in the accession of several to the Communion. — Missionary and Sunday School instruction continue to be subjects of general and lively interest.

ALONZO POTTER, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Boston, Suffolk County.

The Rector presents his Report under deep impressions of thankfulness to God for the spiritual benefits of which he has been allowed to be the witness, and, in some degree, the instrument. During the last year the number of worshippers has been gradually increasing, and the ministrations of the incumbent have been received with every mark of kind and affectionate attention. A strong and gratifying attachment to the principles of primitive truth and order have been steadfastly manifested, and, it is hoped, not without a corresponding improvement in religious feeling and practice. Baptism has been administered to 11 adults and 63 infants, in all to 74 persons. — At the visitation of the Bishop, in August last, 39 persons were confirmed, and 42 have been added to the holy Communion. — Marriages, 11. — Burials, 15. — The Sunday School, which is so honorably distinguished as the oldest in New England, still continues to flourish, under the same excellent superintendence of Mr. Ingraham, and affords ample proof of the superiority of the system introduced by him, and which, by means of the General Union, has been extended to most of the Episcopal schools in the country. In the five departments, including two Infant Sunday Schools and an African, there are 26 teachers, and 320 scholars. A very large proportion of the children are from the poorest classes of society, and have been provided with clothing by the ener-

getic exertions of the ladies of the parish. Upwards of $500 have been realized for this purpose from the avails of a Fair, for the sale of articles made by the teachers and friends of the school, and from other sources. The Rector and teachers hold a meeting once a fortnight, for the business of the school, and on the same evening of the intervening week, for instruction in the Scriptures; and on these occasions the members of the parish generally are invited to attend. Several small parochial associations have been blended into one Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, the funds of which are appropriated to the General and State Missionary Societies, and to the distribution of Bibles, Prayer-Books, and Tracts. — The Missionary contributions since the last report have amounted to $105.

In this connexion, the Rector regrets to be obliged to allude to the pecuniary embarrassments under which the church is laboring, in consequence of the recent extensive repairs, and the burden of its annual expenses. At the same time, it is proper to state, that from the full representation of the exigencies of the case, which has, within a few days, been laid before the Episcopalians of the city, confident expectations of relief are entertained.

WILLIAM CROSWELL, *Rector.*

St. Matthew's Church, Boston, Suffolk County.

Baptisms, Children 16. — Communicants, Added 11, Removed 16, Present number 50. — Marriages, 4. — Funerals, 9. — Sunday Scholars, about 50. — Missionary Society, 1.

As St. Matthew's Church has always been supported in part by missionary aid, and the charitable assistance of pious individuals belonging to the other parishes in Boston, it is proper to give a more particular account of its situation than would otherwise be necessary. The population in the neighbourhood of it, is more fluctuating than in any other part of the

city. It is a thing of common occurrence, for families to reside here for a limited period, and then remove to some other section of the city, or to some more distant place. On this account the congregation of St. Matthew's church is subject to continual change. When the present Rector commenced his stated labors here, the number of families in the parish did not exceed eight or ten. Since that time more than one hundred families have been enrolled as belonging to it; but more than half of the number have emigrated to other parts of the country. During this period about one hundred persons have been added to the Communion; but so many have removed, that the present number may be estimated at 50. While such a state of vicissitude in the condition of St. Matthew's Church is calculated to awaken anxieties and sympathies, on the part of the Rector, of an unpleasant nature; and while it imposes on him obligations for increased exertion in every species of ministerial labor; he is still comforted with the firm persuasion, that, by the divine blessing, the means of grace have been here used to good effect. The seed has been sown; and, it is believed, in many instances, has taken deep root. That it will spring up and flourish, and, in due time, yield a plentiful increase, we are not to doubt. The stock may have been transplanted to some other parts of the vineyard of the Lord; but, in the time of harvest, the fruits may be found of no less value, than though they had been permitted to ripen in a native soil.

Notwithstanding the discouraging circumstances connected with the parish, it has become necessary to enlarge the edifice. A contract for that purpose with competent mechanics has already been made. By this arrangement twenty additional pews will be built, and the Church, in other respects, will be greatly improved. It is agreed that the whole shall be completed in the course of the present season.

JOHN L. BLAKE, *Rector.*

Grace Church, Boston, Suffolk County.

Baptisms, Infants 5, Adults 3. — Communicants, Added 14, Present number 31. — Confirmed, 14. — Marriages, 2. — Burials, 3. — Sunday School, 120. — Bible Class, 17.

I have regularly officiated at Grace Church since October last. Whether we shall succeed in permanently establishing another Church in Boston, God only knows. With the exception of the kind assistance of some of the clergy and one or two of the laity, this feeble parish have been obliged to struggle on alone and unsustained.

GEORGE F. HASKINS.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, Essex County.

Baptisms, Infants 16, Adults 4. — Communicants, Added 8, Died or removed 6, Present number 74. — Confirmed, 2. — Marriages, 4. — Burials, 12. — Sunday School, 100. — Missionary Societies, 3. — Missionary Contributions, $85.

This congregation is composed of little more than 100 families, who are regular attendants on public worship; among whom a pious regard is paid to the Liturgy and Offices, and a lively zeal is felt for the interests of the Church at large. — The greater part of the congregation have joined the Missionary Societies, and contribute cheerfully to their support; and there are many benevolent individuals, who have expressed a solicitude to unite in all associations, calculated to promote the prosperity of the Church in our land. It is perhaps worthy of particular notice, that from this Church and its immediate vicinity, there have been *twelve* persons who have received or are about receiving holy orders, one of whom is deceased, and several are active and useful laborers in their holy vocation.

The Sunday School is in active operation, being supplied with useful teachers. Among the scholars, is one adult, a

colored woman, about 60 years of age, learning to read, and making considerable progress.

The usual harmony prevails in this parish, and although there is much room for improvement in minister and people, it may still be thought to be enjoying a considerable degree of prosperity, in spiritual and temporal concerns.

JAMES MORSS, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Church, Salem, Essex County.

In St. Peter's Church, Salem, during the year last passed, have been baptized 13 Infants, and 1 Adult. — Two only have been added to the Communion. Five Communicants have removed. The present number is 57. — There have been 4 Marriages, and 3 Burials. — In the Sunday School are 13 Teachers, and 80 Scholars. — Missionary Societies, 2. One auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society has contributed $24,44. — One Auxiliary to the Massachusetts Missionary Society has contributed $40,00. — Collections on Easter Sunday for the Diocesan Missionary Fund, $17,25. — The Sunday School Society has contributed $8,00. — Families, about 65, the most of them small.

It is well known that a long succession of unfavorable circumstances and events have caused the Episcopal Church to be unpopular in Salem, and the parish there to be small. It appears, however, to be gradually increasing. What, in all human appearance, is most needed to cause a more rapid growth, is: —

First. More parochial labor and intercourse of the minister with the people, than it is in my power (having the care of a Diocese) to bestow.

Secondly. A more general diffusion of piety and zeal among those who belong to the congregation. Through God's blessing there are some who are active and faithful. If a greater number of those who attend our public worship were pious and decided Christians, uniting more in prayer,

and "striving together for the faith of the Gospel," others would more readily associate with them.

Thirdly. We need a better house. For though the present edifice is decent and comfortable, such is its age and state of decay, it offers little inducement to any but conscientious Episcopalians, to procure seats in it. While such obstacles and discouragements continue, it will require the patient teaching and labors of faithful ministers, for many years, to raise the Church in this large town to its just rank among the other Churches of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell, Middlesex County.

Baptisms, Infants 21, Adults 8. — Communicants, Added 12, Died or removed 4, Present number 58. — Confirmed, 5. — Marriages, 6. — Burials, 19. — Sunday School, 175. — Bible Class, 12. — Missionary Societies, 2. — Missionary Contributions, $85.

This congregation is increasing in numbers and in general prosperity. A good degree of attention is manifested in the weekly services of the Church, and a very laudable zeal in the Sunday School.

T. EDSON, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Cambridge, Middlesex County.

Baptisms, Infants 3. — Communicants, Added 9, Died or removed 8, Present number 32. — Burials, 2. — Sunday School, 33. — Bible Class, 11. — Missionary Contributions, $64.

I have nothing special, to add to my report of 1830. The congregation remain tranquil and harmonious; and, "walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost," will, it is hoped, be "multiplied."

To persons at a distance, desirous to send their sons to Harvard University, and who, though themselves not Episcopalians, would prefer to have them worship at Church, it may be important to state, that the restrictions heretofore existing, in respect to attendance at the Chapel, are not now enforced. Members of the University, whose parents are not Episcopalians, have attended and do still attend our services.

The entire number of academical hearers is about 40 ; — 33 of whom are undergraduates.

The Missionary Contributions mentioned above, were, about one half for the Greek mission, and the remainder was our last Easter collection.

T. W. COIT, *Rector.*

St. Mary's Church, Newton, Middlesex County.

Baptisms, 13. — Communicants, Added 3, Died or removed 4, Present number 68. — Burials, 16. — Sunday School, 75. — Bible Class, 30. — Missionary Societies, 2. — Missionary Contributions, $50.

During the Conventional year last past, this parish has been called to mourn the death of several attached and devoted members; others have removed from the town, and are now of course connected with other congregations. There is little or no perceptible diminution, however, in the number who assemble for public worship. A few persons have been added to the Communion ; eight adults admitted to the sacrament of baptism ; and the hopeful state of others induces the belief, that the word and ordinances have not been dispensed in vain, though there has been no unusual attention to religion among us.

In addition to the services on Sunday, and other holy-days, there is a lecture in the church monthly, before Communion ; on every Friday during the season of Lent ; and occasional evening meetings, it is believed, have been the means of great good. — With a view to promote the cause of missions, an evening in every month is devoted to that object, and to the

reading of religious intelligence. — A Bible Class continues to meet at the Rector's study weekly, during the winter season, and its exercises have proved most interesting and profitable. It is composed of adults, from whom are usually selected our Sunday School teachers.

This last named institution, is under the immediate superintendence of the Pastor; and has four male and six female teachers. The scholars are examined on the first Sunday of the month, after divine service, in the studies they have attended to during that period. Beside this, there is a general examination of the school in the autumn, when books of reward are distributed to the children. There is a vacation through the inclement season, when free access may be had to the library; of which the children eagerly avail themselves. This now contains more than two hundred carefully selected volumes. A considerable number of the "Children's Magazine" are taken in the parish, and deservedly held in high estimation. ALFRED L. BAURY, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Dedham, Norfolk County.

Baptisms, Infants 6. — Communicants, Added 3, Died or removed 3, Present number 36. — Confirmed, 3. — Marriages, 2. — Burials, 3. — Sunday School, 32. — Missionary Societies, 2. — Missionary Contributions, including Easter Collection, $29,04.

There are about 50 families, more or less of whose members belong to my church, but some of them live at a considerable distance from the village of Dedham. — Considerable attention is paid to the Sunday School, which has two male and three female instructers. Our juvenile library seems to have a beneficial effect. — A Tract Society has been for several years in operation, and I trust has been attended with a favorable influence. — I have occasionally officiated in the evening for the promotion of Missionary objects, and for other useful purposes. Towards $500 dollars have recently been

subscribed for the purchase of a new organ, including $200 generously given by the Senior Warden on certain conditions.

ISAAC BOYLE, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Quincy, Norfolk County.

Baptisms, Infants 21, Adults 2. — Communicants, Added 14, Died or removed 28, Present number, 70. — Marriages, 1. — Burials, 5. — Sunday School, 60. — Bible Class, 35. — Missionary Societies, 3. — Missionary Contributions, $50,60.

The parish of Christ Church, Quincy, having suffered materially from the absence of their much beloved and respected Rector, who reluctantly left them for the recovery of his health, in a more congenial clime and less laborious part of the Lord's vineyard, felt great need of the stated services of a resident clergyman. From the Wardens and Vestry, one year from the last May, I received an invitation to become their minister; and, through the good providence of God, have experienced, what I might have anticipated from their unbounded attachment to their former clergyman, every testimony of respect and affection. — At a parish meeting holden in February, it was unanimously voted, that the writer of this report should be invited to become their Rector, under precisely the same conditions as their former Rector. By the advice of my Right Reverend Father and Brethren in Christ, this call, after several weeks' deliberation, was accepted, as most likely to eventuate for the good of the church ; and, to all human appearance, it seems, thus far, to have been well determined and wisely ordered. The stated services of the sanctuary on each Lord's day, and, when the weather would permit, a third service, have been usually very well attended. Increased attention to the Liturgy in general, and especially to the responsive part of our sublime service, has encouraged us to hope for still greater improvement in these respects. Already many voices prolong and echo back the heart-stirring strains of devotion, thanksgiving, and praise of our

almost inspired formulary of divine worship. — Through the instruction of the Sunday School teachers, even from infant lips "the Lord is praised in his Holy Temple." And though the "Amen" is not heard, as in primitive times, falling upon the ear as thunder, yet it is audibly and devotionally uttered by a large proportion of the congregation. — Weekly Lectures, on Tuesday and Friday evenings, are holden at convenient rooms in two private houses. — On Friday evening before Communion, the Church has been invariably open for divine service for a preparatory Lecture; and, on every alternate Thursday evening, the Bible Class have assembled for recitation and the reading of answers to questions proposed at the previous meeting; and many of the pieces (usually given in by youthful composers) would do credit to those of riper years and much longer Christian experience. On the first of May, there were added to our number ten families, making the whole number of taxable families 80; and there may be 4 or 5 who are not able to aid in the support of religious worship. They exert themselves, however, in this cause of truth cheerfully and with a willing mind, and hope, through the blessing of God, to be able to support their clergyman, without further assistance from that source, whence it was so generously contributed in the day of their necessity. It is by much effort that they are now enabled to maintain the stated services of the sanctuary. — It should be mentioned, in relation to the Communicants who have removed or died, that the number 28, which appears quite large when compared with the whole number, embraces the period of time which has elapsed since June, 1827; and that many of these only partook occasionally when visiting Quincy. We feel encouraged to hope, as far as can be judged from external appearances, that there is a gradual but decided growth of "pure and undefiled religion" in the parish; that many are inquiring for the appointed means of salvation, the wells of living water, and the "old paths," that they may find rest for their souls; that the cause of

Christ, and the cause of the Church, which are inseparable, advance harmoniously together. Though there have been no noisy or violent excitements among us, still we have cause to praise God's holy name, that the still small voice of the Comforter has not been hushed, nor his secret breathings withdrawn. Several young persons, who, at the season of Lent, gave evident signs of renovation, now bring forth the fruits of the Spirit in token of their living membership in the church of Christ. In concluding this report, it should be remarked, that though little as yet is known of the distinctive principles of the Episcopal Church, still there is an evident disposition, on the part of many, to inquire and understand why they are Churchmen, and to adhere to the principles which they profess. That the great Head of the Church, and Bishop of our souls, may so order it, is the fervent prayer of the present Pastor.

WILLIAM T. POTTER.

St. Thomas' Church, Taunton, Bristol County.

Baptisms, Infants 6. — Communicants, Added 7, Present number, 19. — Marriages, 4. — Burials, 9. — Sunday School, 106. — Bible Class, 25. — Missionary Contributions, $27,50.

The labors of the Rector of this church are now confined to Taunton, the parish at Bridgewater having lately settled the Rev. Mr. Munro as assistant minister for one year, with a reasonable prospect of securing the permanent services of a clergyman.

We have three regular services on Sunday, a Bible Class for expounding the Sunday School lesson (the epistle or gospel for the Sunday), and a meeting for social religious conversation, &c. from house to house during the week.

The influence of religion has increased among us during the past year. Some fruits have been gathered in, and more are ready for the harvest.

The increase of the parish is not rapid, but very much has been accomplished this year towards establishing its worship, and its secular concerns, on a reputable and independent footing. JOHN WEST, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Bridgewater, Plymouth County.

I was invited to Trinity Church, Bridgewater, on Easter Monday, April 4, 1831, to officiate there one year. Since I have been there, the congregation has been gradually increasing, and the church is now well attended every Sunday. A number of families have joined the parish. Several persons partook of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, when last administered, for the first time. — The whole number of Communicants, as nearly as I can at present ascertain, is about 33. — Died the past year, 1. — I have baptized 4 children. — The Sunday School in this parish is very promising: about 45 children usually attend. — The Female Missionary Society, which has been neglected the year past, has been re-organized, we hope upon a more permanent basis; and the ladies now evince a very laudable zeal in the cause of Missions. — A Bible Class was formed during the past week. — This place presents an extensive field for useful, and, I trust, (through the blessing of God) successful labors.

MATTHIAS MUNROE.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, Plymouth County.

Baptisms, Infants 1. — Communicants, Added 1, Died or removed 2, Present number, 43. — Marriages, 4. — Burials, 5. — Sunday School, 40. — Bible Class, 20. — Missionary Societies, 1. — Missionary Contributions, $10,50.

There has been no material alteration in this parish the past year; the prospects are as encouraging as at any former period. CALVIN WOLCOTT, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Marshfield, Plymouth County.

Baptisms, 6. — Communicants, Died 2, Present number, 20. — Burials, 2. — Bible Class, 20. — Missionary Contributions, $40. CALVIN WOLCOTT, *Rector.*

St. James' Church, Greenfield, Franklin County.

Baptisms, Infants 23, Adults 8, Total, 31. — Communicants, Added 9, Died 1, Removed 2, Present number, 65. — Confirmed, 25. — Marriages, 1. — Burials, 13. — Sunday Scholars, 70. — Missionary Societies, 1. — Missionary Contributions, about $35.

This parish is apparently in a prosperous condition. The embarrassments under which it has labored are principally removed; the congregation is increasing in numbers, and a great degree of union and harmony prevails. Within the last year, a voluntary reduction of the Rector's salary, on conditions beneficial both to him and the parish, has been made. Some assistance has been received from benevolent individuals of Trinity Church, Boston; and there is every reason to hope, that, under the blessing of the great Head of the Church, we shall continue to be prospered in our exertions for the promotion of pure and undefiled religion.

TITUS STRONG, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Ashfield, Franklin County.

Baptisms, 1 infant.* — Number of families, 35. — Communicants, 37. — Marriages, 2. — Burials, 4. — Sunday School, 39. — Easter Contribution, $5.

The present minister commenced his services in this parish

* 2 Adults and 5 Infants have been baptized in this parish during the past year by the Rector of St. James' Church, Greenfield.

the last Sunday in September, 1830. He also has charge of the Sanderson Academy, which had been closed for some time previous, and is now nearly destitute of scholars.

The members of the parish are well united, and strongly attached to the Church. Their means for the support of a clergyman are small, and their principal reliance is placed on the avails of the Academy, which, for the present year, will not yield one third of the amount that was anticipated.

Application for relief is acccordingly made to the Missionary Society of this State.

SILAS BLAISDALE, *Rector.*

St. Mark's Church, Blandford, Hampden County.

The Rev. B. C. C. Parker, who for several years past has officiated as the minister of Trinity Church, Lenox, and St. Paul's Church, Otis, which are fifteen miles apart, the present year, because there is no other Episcopal clergyman nearer, has taken the church at Blandford, 23 miles from his residence, under his parochial care, and now divides his services on Sundays among the abovementioned churches. As his ministrations in Blandford have but just commenced, unless the Rev. Mr. Humphrey, who had charge of this church during the last year, and is now absent in a distant part of Vermont, has sent to the Convention a statement of its past condition, no report can be furnished.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville (Sutton), Worcester County.

Baptisms, Infants 1. — Communicants, Died or removed 2, Present number, 12. — Burials, 3. — Sunday School, 65. — Bible Class, 8. — Missionary Contributions, $4,10.

It yet remains uncertain whether this church will become permanently established. The number of families belonging

to the parish is about 50; but of these not more than 20 are settled; the others are only temporarily resident, and are often changing. The permanent families take great interest in the welfare of the church, and contribute liberally for its support; many of the other families also are interested and active in supporting the church. In general, a very considerable congregation attend public worship, many of whom appear sincerely interested in the services. But, neither temporally, nor spiritually, can this church be said to be in a prosperous state.

D. L. B. GOODWIN, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Clappville (Leicester), Worcester County.

Baptisms, Infants 9, Adults 6. — Communicants, Added 25, Died or removed 8, Present number, 83. — Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. — Sunday School, 50. — Bible Class, 50. — Missionary Societies, 2. — Missionary Contributions, $72,75.

This church was organized in 1823, with especial reference to the wants of individuals connected with the manufacturing establishment in the vicinity. From this source the means for supporting public worship have been chiefly derived. Since the commencement of 1830, we have been greatly indebted to the liberality of Joshua Clapp, Esq., of Boston. He generously enclosed the common in front of the church, and has in various ways rendered most substantial aid. It affords us sincere pleasure, thus publicly to acknowledge our grateful sense of the favors he has conferred.

No material change has taken place in our situation the last year. The number of our Communicants is increasing, and, it is hoped, their devotedness also to the great duties of a religious life. — A lively interest is cherished in Missionary operations. — Two Bible Classes meet weekly in different parts of the parish, and evince a laudable zeal in the study of the Sacred Scriptures. — Lectures have been regularly delivered and well attended on Sunday evenings, at places

several miles distant from the church. They appear to have been accompanied with a divine blessing. Religious exercises in private families on Wednesday evenings have done much towards keeping alive a spirit of devotion. Perfect harmony prevails among the members of the church, and we earnestly pray that it may long continue.

LOT JONES, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Lenox, Berkshire County.

Baptisms, Infants 8, Adults 2. — Communicants, Added 12, Present number, 53. — Burials, 2. — Sunday School Scholars, 37. — Missionary Contributions, $16,25.

The temporal condition of this parish is nearly the same as it was the last year. Its spiritual condition may be considered as materially improved. The season of Lent, with its frequent and solemn services, which have been marked, the present year, by a more than usual interest in the things of religion, in most of the churches of our communion throughout the United States, has been in this parish productive of the most beneficial results, and made, it may be humbly hoped, by the divine blessing, instrumental in awakening and converting many souls.

Two young men are fitting for the ministry; one of whom has recently been baptized, and both of whom are now communicants. Much usefulness to our Church may be anticipated from their character, talents, and piety.

B. C. C. PARKER, *Minister.*

St. Paul's Church, Otis, Berkshire County.

Baptisms, Infants 1, Adults 1. — Communicants, Added 3, Present number, 16. — Burials, 2. — Sunday School Scholars, 27. — Missionary Societies, 2. — Contributions $9.

This Church is composed of 50 families, most of whom have but recently been made acquainted with our doctrines and discipline. Vital piety, it is hoped, is increasing among them, and numbers are daily joining in our worship, who may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour.

B. C. C. PARKER, *Minister.*

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, Berkshire County.

This Church was first organized on the 19th of July, 1830, twenty-five persons having united, with a view to its establishment. Divine service was first celebrated on Sunday the 1st day of August ensuing, the Rev. Mr. Edson, of Lowell, officiating. From that date, until the 5th of December following, service was held six times only, and this through the kindness of clergymen who volunteered their services. In December, the Rev. Dr. Chapman, of Greenfield, formerly of Lexington, Kentucky, was engaged for two months, and officiated regularly; he left the church in February, and returned again in April, and officiated that month, and also during the month of May, part of each Lord's day at Pittsfield, and part at Lanesborough; and the church at the former place desires to make a public record of the high sense they entertain of his fidelity, zeal, and ability, while ministering to them, and of their deep regret that his sense of duty has called him away to other scenes of labor, in his judgment more needing his services. The Rev. Mr. Edson also came again to our help in April, and officiated two Sundays, and the church is greatly indebted to the pious zeal of this excellent clergyman for his generous assistance; he twice left his parish, and travelled altogether about six hundred miles to afford us countenance and aid.

From these small beginnings the church has increased with a rapidity and to an extent wholly unexpected, and surprising. On the 1st day of May last, it numbered one hundred and forty subscribers towards its support, about one half of whom are heads of families. There are 35 Communicants, believed to be serious and devout Christians, and more are seriously contemplating a participation in the blessed ordinance of the Lord's Supper. — Baptisms, 5. — A Sunday School has been organized, consisting already of between 40 and 50 children with suitable teachers, and its numbers are likely to be considerably increased in the course of the summer, it having been in operation only since the 22d of May. — A circulating library of upwards of 150 volumes of excellent miscellaneous books, together with about the same number of books of instruction, has been procured for it, obtained exclusively at the Depository of the Church and of the Messrs. Swords, New York, in regard to which care has been taken, that "evangelical truth and apostolical order" shall alone be the subjects of their contents. — A contribution in aid of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society has been made, amounting to $39,57, and another towards the support of the State Missionary Society, amounting to $30,05, with $5,00 for the contingent fund of the State Convention.

A commodious place of worship has been secured for the present, and apparently, nothing is now wanting (with the divine blessing) but the services of a faithful minister, to place this infant establishment upon a footing of equality with the most respectable parishes in the interior of our country. The church is now without a minister, Dr. Chapman having left it early in June for Burlington, Vermont; and the Wardens and Vestry are industriously seeking for a successor to be permanently settled, to whom a respectable salary will be afforded.

Attest, BENJAMIN LUCE, } *Wardens.*
E. A. NEWTON, }

DANIEL B. BUSH, *Clerk.*

House of Reformation Chapel, South Boston, Suffolk County.

Baptized, Adults 3. — Communicants, Added 11, Removed 2, Present number, 9. — Confirmed, 7. — Sunday School Boys, 40. — Missionary Societies, 1. — Missionary Contributions, $88,19.

The peculiar character and circumstances of that part of the flock of Christ, over which I am made overseer, renders it difficult to make any report of its situation and progress, to persons unacquainted with it, without much detail, history, and explanation. I wish therefore to be excused from this part of the report, after briefly stating, that we have all the services of our Church performed in the Chapel with responses. — We have also a Lecture on Wednesday evening. — The Sunday School and Missionary Society are formed among the boys; and the officers and the teachers they choose from themselves. The many cases of moral and religious reformation, which are effected in the course of the year, are, I believe, highly satisfactory to all, who have been acquainted with them. They are, however, the result of the regular use of the simple and ordinary means appointed by the Gospel, as believed in our Church. I may be mistaken, but I think if there be any one thing, to which I am more indebted than to another, for the improvement of my boys, (besides the word and spirit of God) it is the Book of Common Prayer. How it may be with those who "need no repentance," I cannot tell; but to *sinners*, *miserable sinners*, (and such are they to whom I am sent,) there are few things more effectual than to see the regular, commissioned minister of Jesus Christ seeking them out, though wandering prodigals, in all their wretchedness and sin; taking them by the hand with Christian affection; leading them to the Throne of the Heavenly Grace, and teaching them that they *may* say to God, and teaching them *to say* to God, "Our Father." It melts down

the ice-work of unbelief, and they believe that they may pray, that they may love God, and that God does love them.

E. M. P. WELLS, *Chaplain.*

House of Industry, South Boston, Suffolk County.

[From October 1st, 1830, to June 13th, 1831.]

Baptisms, Infants 26, Adults 6. — Burials, 68. — Sunday School, 80.

The service of the Protestant Episcopal Church has been in use at the House of Industry nearly three years, though there is not one Episcopalian in the Board of Directors which has the appointment of the Chaplain. I have been at the institution nearly nine months. My duty has generally been, officiating three times on Sunday, with two and sometimes three services in the course of the week; teaching a School of about 80, and superintending the boys at their labor and their sports; visiting the sick, who are always with us; and generally attending to the moral and religious concerns of the institution. God alone knows the result of my labors; I can only say, the few months I have spent here have been some of the happiest of my life. Our object in the institution is now to diminish pauperism, by presenting to our suffering fellow sinners, motives which alone can remove its principal cause — intemperance, — motives drawn directly from the Cross of a suffering Redeemer. Pray for us, that the word of God may have free course and be glorified in the conversion and salvation of these self-degraded, immortal beings.

J. H. PRICE, *Chaplain.*

Report of the Rev. J. P. Fenner, Chaplain in the United States Navy, stationed at Charlestown, Massachusetts.

J. P. FENNER respectfully reports to the Massachusetts Convention, that, since its last meeting, he has regularly perform-

ed divine service at the Navy Yard, at Charlestown, on the Lord's day morning. — He has also, generally, when circumstances have permitted, performed divine service and preached at Chelsea Hospital, and has frequently visited such of the sick as could not attend the public service. — He has continued to distribute the Holy Scriptures and religious tracts. Prayer Books he has not had it in his power to give. — He has performed funeral services for some seamen, and has occasionally officiated, on the afternoon of the Lord's day, for some of the clergy.

The prospect of the religious and moral improvement of the United States seamen continues to be encouraging.

J. P. FENNER, *Chaplain.*

SUMMARY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Churches.	Places.	Ministers.	Baptisms.		Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday School.	Bible Class.	Missionary Societies.	Missionary &c. Contributions.
			Infants.	Adults.	Added.	Died or removed.	Present number.							
Trinity	Boston	G. W. Doane J. H. Hopkins	17	3	40	3	250		2	9	80	45		1337·30
St. Paul's	"	A. Potter	18	1	20	14	246		2	14	150	35	2	1000·00
Christ	"	W. Croswell	63	11	42			39	11	15	320		1	105·00
St. Matthew's	"	J. L. Blake	16		11	16	50		4	9	50		1	
Grace	"	G. F. Haskins	5	3	14		31	14	2	3	120	17		
St. Paul's	Newburyport	J. Morss	16	4	8	6	74	2	4	12	100		3	85·00
St. Peter's	Salem	A. V. Griswold	13	1	2	5	57		4	3	80		2	89·69
St. Anne's	Lowell	T. Edson	21	8	12	4	58	5	6	19	175	12	2	85·00
Christ	Cambridge	T. W. Coit	3		9	8	32			2	33	11		64·00
St. Mary's	Newton	A. L. Baury			3	4	68			16	75	30	2	50·00
St. Paul's	Dedham	I. Boyle	6		3	3	36	3	2	3	32		2	29·04
Christ	Quincy	W. T. Potter	21	2	14	28	70		1	5	60	35	3	50·60
St. Thomas'	Taunton	J. West	6		7		19		4	9	106	25		27·50
Trinity	Bridgewater	M. Munroe	4			1	33				45		1	
St. Andrew's	Hanover	C. Wolcott	1		1	2	43		4	5	40	20	1	10·50
Trinity	Marshfield	C. Wolcott				2	20			2		20		4·00
St. James'	Greenfield	T. Strong	23	8	9	3	65	25	1	13	70		1	35·00

St. John's	Ashfield	S. Blaisdale	6	2			37		2	4	39			5·00
St. John's	Sutton	D. L. B. Goodwin	1			2	12			3	65	8		4·10
Christ	Leicester	L. Jones	9	6	25	8	83		2	2	50	50	2	72·75
Trinity	Lenox	B. C. C. Parker	8	2	12		53			2	37			16·25
St. Paul's	Otis	B. C. C. Parker	1	1	3		16			2	27		2	9·00
St. Stephen's	Pittsfield						35				45			69·62
House of Reformation.	Boston	E. M. P. Wells		3	11	2	9	7			40		1	88·19
House of Industry.	"	J. H. Price	26	6						68	80			
		Total	284*	61	246	111	1397†	95	51	220	1919	308	26	$3237·54

* There were 24 baptisms in addition to these: 13 in Newton, 6 in Marshfield, and 5 in Pittsfield; but they were not specified as the baptisms of infants or adults.

† The number of communicants would *seem* to be less than last year, when it was 1525. But the number in several churches has not been ascertained. The number in Christ Church, Boston, was not mentioned. From St. Luke's, Lanesborough, St. John's, Northampton, St. James', Great Barrington, and two or three other churches, no parochial reports were received. Adding to 1397, the number of communicants in these four churches, as reported to the *last* Convention, the total is 1658. The clergy will of course perceive, that an accurate statement can never be prepared, unless they *all* send reports, and comply *strictly* with the form established by the Convention of 1830.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

ARTICLE I.

A CONVENTION of the Protestant Episcopal churches in this State, to consist of the ministers of said churches, and one or more deputies, not exceeding three, being laymen, to be chosen by each congregation, shall be held on the third Wednesday in June in every year, at such place within the State, as shall be agreed on and appointed at each preceding meeting of the Convention.

ART. II. The clergy and lay-deputies in Convention shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote as two distinct orders; and the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to every measure.

ART. III. Each congregation represented in Convention shall have one vote; and no deputy shall represent more than one congregation.

ART. IV. The Bishop of this Diocese, when present at any meeting of the Convention, shall preside therein; in his absence a President shall be elected from among the members present.

ART V. A Secretary shall be appointed by the Convention, removable at pleasure, who shall keep a fair record of the resolves and proceedings of the Convention, and have the same in his custody so long as he shall continue in office.

ART. VI. Every lay-deputy shall, previously to his admission to a seat in the Convention, produce a testimonial of his

appointment, subscribed by one or both of the Church-Wardens, or by the Clerk of the Proprietors.

ART. VII. No public censure shall be inflicted by the Bishop upon any clergyman under his inspection, other than shall be directed by the institution of this Church, hereafter made in Convention.

ART. VIII. The Standing Committee shall consist of three clergymen and three lay-deputies, to be elected by the Convention; who shall have power to call special meetings of the Convention, as they may think necessary, and to provide a suitable place for the assembling thereof; and no business shall be transacted at any special meeting of the Convention, other than such as shall be mentioned in the notification of such meeting.

ART. IX. This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article, except at the annual meeting of the Convention, nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed, at least one meeting previous to its adoption.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The morning service of the Church shall be performed every day, during the session of this Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. Every member, who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the question.

8. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone it; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

10. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the President leave his chair.

CANONS

Respecting the Mode of trying Disorderly Clergymen, adopted in Convention in 1802.

CANON I.

Disorderly, scandalous, and immoral conduct, neglect of duty, disregard of the Constitution or Canons of the General or State Conventions, a continued non-attendance at the annual Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth, without sufficient reasons in the judgment of the Convention, disseminating or countenancing opinions contrary to the doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, are offences, for which a clergyman ought to be censured, and accused of which by the Convention, he ought to be brought to trial.

CANON II.

If any clergyman of this Church offend in any instances enumerated in the foregoing Canon, complaint may be made thereof by the wardens, or by three or more communicants of the Church of which he is incumbent, or at which he officiates, or by any other clergyman, to the annual Convention; and if, in the opinions of the majority of both orders, there shall be sufficient cause for said complaint, the same shall be certified to the Bishop, whose duty it shall be to furnish the accused person with a copy of the charges alleged against him, and require him to make answer thereto before him and his council, whom he shall convene to hear and judge of said charge or charges, and notify the accused of the time and place of meeting; notice thereof to be given at least one month before. And if the Bishop and his council, or a major part of them, after hearing the evidence, shall judge the accused person guilty of said charge, the Bishop shall reprove, suspend, or degrade the person so convicted, as he and the said major part of his said council shall think the offence may deserve. But if the offence require degradation or deposition of the person so convicted, sentence shall be pronounced, in the mode prescribed by the sixth article of the General Constitution. And in case the person accused shall neglect to appear after due notice, given as aforesaid, the Bishop and his council shall proceed *ex parte*, and if the judgment shall be censure, the Bishop shall send the same to the person so convicted in writing: but if the offence shall amount to suspension or degradation, the same shall be published agreeably to the directions of the twenty-seventh Canon of the General Convention.

CANON OF 1828,

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the

Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum and one half of one per centum* on the salary of its minister: and those parishes, which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay-delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual Report, what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Convention: and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, *viz.* to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop to this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies at least of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Reported by the Committee appointed for that purpose and laid over, according to the ninth article of the Constitution, to be acted on by the next Convention.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.

This Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

Article II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth at Boston, on the third Wednesday in April, in every year; unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

Article III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop, and the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and vote in the Convention. Every Clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, being a settled minister, or regularly officiating in some parish within this Commonwealth; or being a President, Professor, Tutor, or Instructer in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Commonwealth, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this State for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station. Provided, however, that no clergyman, otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years or infirm health, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Commonwealth in union with this Convention shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay-delegate or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens, shall, before his admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay-delegate, unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled, on a division, to but one vote.

Article IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall

have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

Article V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But in case of a vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

Article VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen, upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

Article VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay-delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for. All elections shall be by ballot.

Article VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, subject to the inspection of the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

Article IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

CANONS.

CANON I.

Providing for Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, to raise and send annually to the Treasurer of the Convention, at or before the opening of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money, which shall be as much as *one per centum and one half of one per centum* on the salary of its minister: and those parishes, which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay-delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual Report, and of the Secretary to publish in the Journal, such parishes as have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, *viz.* to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop to this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; provided, however, that no clergyman shall receive any thing from the Convention fund unless his parish quota has been paid; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall

enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies at least of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

CANON II.

Providing for the Trial of Clergymen.

In order to bring a clergyman to trial before an ecclesiastical court, a charge shall be made in the first place to the Standing Committee, in writing, by the Chairman thereof, or, under the proper signature of at least two persons; one of whom shall be a presbyter of this Diocese (or Commonwealth.) And if the Standing Committee shall deem the offence charged as coming within the offences enumerated in the Canons of the General Convention, they shall present the same to the Bishop in the following form:

To A. B., Bishop of ———

The Standing Committee of this Diocese (or Commonwealth) respectfully represent, that C. D. has been accused, under the hand of E. F. and G. H. of [*here recite the charge or charges*], and the Committee are of opinion, that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial, agreeably to the Canons in such case made and provided.

[Signed by the Standing Committee.]

Whereupon the Bishop shall summon nine presbyters to meet, at some time, not within ninety days, at some place within the county where the accused shall reside or officiate, for the time being; five of whom shall be sufficient to constitute a court for the trial of the charge or charges. If more than five of the persons summoned shall appear, the accused

may object to any individual over that number, at his own discretion. If no objection be made, the whole number present shall sit on the trial.

The Bishop shall forthwith give notice to the Standing Committee, of the time and place of the meeting of the court. The Standing Committee shall act as prosecutors in the case; and, at least sixty days before the trial, shall furnish the accused with a copy of the presentment, notice of the time and place of trial, and a specification of the facts on which they expect to maintain the charges. And the accused, at least thirty days before the trial, shall furnish the Standing Committee with a statement of the grounds of his defence, on each specification.

At the time fixed for the trial, the members of the court shall choose a President from their own number, and a Secretary either from their own number or otherwise, as they shall see fit; and they shall, before they proceed, adopt and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted. Provided, however, that no layman shall act as advocate for either party on the trial; though both parties may, at their option, employ or consult legal or other advisers.

If the accused shall neglect or refuse to appear, or to answer to the charges in the manner herein prescribed, the court shall order judgment to be entered against him, by default. But if he shall appear, the court shall proceed to a fair and impartial hearing of the whole matter, and shall adjudge him *guilty* or *not guilty*, according to the evidence: and if guilty, the sentence which, in their opinion, ought to be pronounced.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings, containing a copy of the presentment, of the specifications, of the notice to the accused, and of his answer, with a statement of all the evidence, both oral and written, and the final judgment of the court: and an attested copy of this record shall be forthwith delivered to the Bishop. If the judgment be *not guilty*, the Bishop shall give a certificate of *acquittal*

to the accused, embracing a copy of the presentment and specifications; and the accused shall not be subjected to a second trial on the same facts. If the court judge him *guilty*, on one or more points at issue, the Bishop may disapprove the judgment, and order a new trial, stating his grounds for such decision: or he may approve the judgment; and in that case he shall, within thirty days, proceed to such ecclesiastical censure, as the case may, in his opinion, require; — whether it be admonition, suspension, or degradation from the ministry.

Resolve passed in the Convention of 1828.

"*On motion,* Resolved, that it is earnestly recommended to the Rev. Clergy of this Commonwealth, to preach in their several churches, on the Sunday previous to each Annual Convention, a Sermon, in behalf of the funds of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States; and at the same time to make a collection for this Society."

Notice.

The next Annual Meeting of the Convention of the PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH in Massachusetts will be holden at Christ Church, Boston, on Wednesday, June 20, 1832, at 9 o'clock A. M. Divine service will commence at 10 A. M.

T. W. COIT, *Secretary.*

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OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

The Rt. Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, and Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.

The Rev. Edward Ballard, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton.

The Rev. Silas Blaisdale, Minister of St. John's Church, Ashfield.

The Rev. John L. Blake, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Boston.

The Rev. Isaac Boyle.

The Rev. Thomas W. Coit, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge.

The Rev. William Croswell, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

The Rev. George W. Doane, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. George C. V. Eastman, Deacon.

The Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., Domestic Missionary, Boston.

The Rev. Theodore Edson, Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

The Rev. James Everett, Chaplain, United States Navy, residing in Boston.

The Rev. John P. Fenner, Chaplain, United States Navy, Navy Yard, Charlestown.

The Rev. Sturges Gilbert, Rector of St. James' Church, Great Barrington.

The Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, Rector of St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

The Rev. George F. Haskins.

The Rev. John H. Hopkins, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D.

The Rev. Lot Jones, Rector of Christ Church, Clappville.

The Rev. Henry C. Knight, residing in Boston.

The Rev. James Morss, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

The Rev. Ephraim Munro, officiating at St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

The Rev. Matthias Munro, Rector of Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

The Rev. B. C. C. Parker, Rector of Trinity Church, Lenox; St. Paul's Church, Otis; and St. Mark's Church, Blandford.

The Rev. William T. Potter, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy.

The Rev. Joseph H. Price, Minister of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

The Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

The Rev. John S. Stone, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

The Rev. Titus Strong, Rector of St. James' Church Greenfield; and Trinity Church, Montague.

The Rev. E. M. P. Wells, Chaplain and Superintendent of the House of Reformation, Boston.

The Rev. John West, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Taunton.

The Rev. Calvin Wolcott, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover; and Trinity Church, Marshfield. *Total* 33.

List of Lay Delegates, whose certificates were presented to the Convention.

Trinity Church, Boston. Gardiner Greene, John T. Apthorp, George M. Dexter.

St. Paul's Church, Boston. John B. Davis, James C. Dunn, Henry Codman.

Christ Church, Boston. John Wilson, John Bacon, Joseph W. Ingraham.

St. Matthew's Church, Boston. Barnum Field, Josiah L. C. Amee.

Grace Church, Boston. Stephen A. Dix, Benjamin Howard, Thomas W. Haskins.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell. Elisha W. Huntington, M. D., George H. Carlton.

St. Peter's Church, Salem. John Howard, John Parnell, Stephen B. Ives.

Christ Church, Cambridge. Joseph Foster, Abraham Bigelow, George Bethune.

St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls. Amos Lyon, Ezra Warren, Caleb M. Stimson.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham. Elisha Thayer, Theron Metcalf.

Christ Church, Quincy. Eliphalet Smith, Nathan Fisk, Zebediah Hollis.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater. Silas Warren, Nathaniel Witherell, Ephraim Sprague.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover. Reuben Curtis, Robert Curtis, Daniel Basset.

Christ Church, Clappville, (Leicester.) Edward Denny, Butler Goodrich, Hiram A. Pettibone.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport. William Faris, John Dean, Moses S. Merril.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville, (Sutton,) James Dudley, Abraham Chase, Thomas Lewis.

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Boston, Wednesday, June 20, 1832.

THIS being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the Annual Convention of the same, the Right Rev. ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD, D. D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, and many of the Clergy and of the Laity, attended at 9 o'clock, A. M. at Christ Church, Boston, which had been fixed upon as the hour and place of meeting.

The Convention was then called to order by the BISHOP; the list of the Clergy was called, at his request, by the Rev. Mr. Croswell, and the following answered to their names and took their seats: The Rev. Edward Ballard, the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, the Rev. Silas Blaisdale, the Rev. John L. Blake, the Rev. Isaac Boyle, the Rev. William Croswell, the Rev. George W. Doane, the Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., the Rev. Theodore Edson, the Rev. James Everett, the Rev. John P. Fenner, the Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, the Rev. George F. Haskins, the Rev. John H. Hopkins, the Rev. Lot Jones, the Rev. James Morss, D. D., the Rev. Ephraim Munro, the Rev. Matthias Munro, the Rev. William T. Potter, the Rev. Joseph H. Price, the Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, the Rev. John S. Stone, the Rev. Titus Strong, the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, the Rev. John West, the Rev. Calvin Wolcott.—Total 26.

The following Lay Delegates presented certificates of their appointment, and took their seats: *Trinity Church, Boston*, Gardiner Greene, John T. Apthorp, George M. Dexter;

St. Paul's Church, Boston, John B. Davis, James C. Dunn, Henry Codman; *Christ Church, Boston*, John Wilson, John Bacon, Joseph W. Ingraham; *St. Matthew's Church, Boston*, Barnum Field; *Grace Church, Boston*, Stephen A. Dix, Benjamin Howard, Thomas W. Haskins; *St. Ann's Church, Lowell*, Elisha Huntington; *St. Peter's Church, Salem*, John Howard, John Parnell, Stephen B. Ives; *Christ Church, Cambridge*, Joseph Foster, George Bethune; *St. Mary's Church, Newton*, Amos Lyon, Caleb M. Stimson; *St. Paul's Church, Dedham*, Elisha Thayer, Theron Metcalf; *Christ Church, Quincy*, Eliphalet Smith; *Trinity Church, Bridgewater*, Silas Warren, Nathaniel Witherell, Ephraim Sprague; *St. Andrew's Church, Hanover*, Reuben Curtis, Robert Curtis; *Christ Church, Clappville*, Butler Goodrich; *St. Paul's Church, Newburyport*, Moses S. Merril; *St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville*, James Dudley, Abraham Chase, Thomas Lewis: *St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield*, Edward A. Newton; *Trinity Church, Marshfield*, Luther Little; *St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton*, Joseph Walker; *St. Michael's Church, Marblehead*, Samuel B. Russel; *St. Thomas' Church, Taunton*, James Wood.—Total 39.

On motion, The Convention proceeded to the choice of a Secretary, by ballot, when the Rev. THOMAS W. COIT was re-elected.

The Rev. Mr. Coit being absent, in consequence of ill health, the Rev. WILLIAM CROSWELL was, on motion, appointed Secretary *pro tem.* and the Rev. WILLIAM T. POTTER was appointed Assistant Secretary *pro tem.*

On motion, Resolved that visiting Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Candidates for Holy Orders, or other members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be in the city, and wish to attend our deliberations, be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

On motion, Resolved, that the rules of order, adopted by the last Convention, be continued as the rules of the present. (See Appendix.)

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Edson, Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the subject of the Treasurer's Report, and audit his accounts, and that the Committee make report to this Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. Doane, Edson, and Baury were appointed this Committee.

On motion by Edward A. Newton, Esq. Resolved, that all elections in this Convention shall be by ballot.

At ten o'clock, the business of the Convention was suspended for Divine Service. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. TITUS STRONG, Rector of St. James' Church, Greenfield. The Convention Sermon was delivered by the Rev. GEORGE W. DOANE, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston, from Philipp. i. 27: *Stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the Gospel.* Mr. George C. V. Eastman was then admitted to the Holy order of Deacons, by the BISHOP, who was assisted in the Holy Communion, by the Rev. Mr. STRONG.

The Convention proceeded to business, after Divine Service, at half past one o'clock.

The disastrous condition of St. John's Church, Northampton, having been represented to the Convention, by the Rev. Mr. Strong, on motion, it was resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to take the case into consideration, and to report to this Convention.

On motion, Resolved, that the Rev. Dr. Morss, the Rev. Mr. Strong, and E. A. Newton, Esq. be this Committee.

On motion, Resolved, that at two o'clock, the Convention adjourn to meet again at half past four o'clock.

And the Convention adjourned accordingly.

Christ Church, half past four o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment. The Secretaries commenced and finished the reading of the Parochial Reports, as published in the Appendix.

On motion, Resolved, that the Convention proceed to the election of Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

On motion, Voted, that the Rev. Messrs. Strong, and Edson, and Henry Codman, Esq., be a Committee to collect, count, and report the ballots.

Whereupon the Convention proceeded to an election.

The Rev. Mr. Strong, from the Committee, reported that the whole number of votes collected was 53: necessary to a choice, 27: and the following gentlemen, having received more than that number, were returned as duly elected:—From the Clergy, the Rev. GEORGE W. DOANE; from the Laity, GEORGE BRINLEY, Esq. HENRY CODMAN, Esq. JOSEPH FOSTER, Esq.

The places of two of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee being still unsupplied, the Convention, on motion, proceeded to a second ballot, the same Committee as before acting as tellers, and the following gentlemen were returned as duly elected to supply those vacancies, viz.: the Rev. JOHN S. STONE, and the Rev. THEODORE EDSON.

On motion, by the Rev. Dr. Morss, Resolved that this Convention assemble, for public worship, in Trinity Church to-morrow morning, at half past 5 o'clock; and that the Bishop be requested to set forth a form of prayer, to be used with special reference to the pestilential visitation with which our country is threatened.

Resolved, that divine service also be performed at Trinity Church to-morrow at half past 3 o'clock, P. M., and at St. Paul's Church to-morrow evening at half past 7 o'clock, and that the Bishop be requested to appoint the preachers on those occasions.

On motion, the Convention then proceeded to ballot for Delegates to the General Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Morss, from the Committee appointed to collect, count, and report, the votes taken on this election, returned the names of the following gentlemen as having a majority of votes: For the Clerical Delegates, the Rev. THEODORE EDSON, the Rev. JOHN WEST, the Rev. JOHN S. STONE, the Rev. ALFRED L. BAURY.

For the Lay Delegates; EDWARD A. NEWTON, Esq., WILLIAM A. CROCKER, Esq., SOLOMON D. TOWNSEND, M. D., EDWARD TUCKERMAN, Esq.

Leave of absence was asked and obtained for Stephen B. Ives, Elisha Thayer, and Joseph Foster.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Christ Church, Thursday, June 21, 1832.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment. Divine service was conducted by the Rev. James Morss, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, agreeably to the first rule of order, after which the roll was called by the Secretary, and the Convention proceeded to business.

The Rev. Mr. Strong, from the Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the case of St. John's Church, Northampton, reported, that the ministrations of the Gospel might be sustained in that parish, provided the sum of 75 dollars could be appropriated to that object by the Bishop from the Easter Collections, and the like sum by the Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society; and that such appropriations be accordingly requested; which report was unanimously accepted.

Edward A. Newton, Esq., rose and called the attention of the Convention to an examination of the unconstitutionality of the elections made by this body, yesterday;—Whereupon it was

Moved, by the Rev. Dr. Morss, that the elections for Standing Committee, and Delegates to the General Convention, made

by this Convention yesterday, being contrary to the provisions of the second and third articles of the Constitution,* be hereby set aside, as null and void.

This motion gave rise to an animated and protracted debate, which continued till two o'clock, when a motion was made for an indefinite postponement of any farther consideration of the subject.

A division of the house being called for, the question was taken by orders, as follows,

Of the Clergy present, 25.

For the postponement:—

The Rev. Messrs. Baury, Edson, Everett, Fenner, Goodwin, Hopkins, Stone, M. Munro, E. Munro, Shaw.—10.

Against the postponement:—

The Rev. Messrs. Ballard, Blaisdale, Blake, Boyle, Croswell, Doane, Eastman, Eaton, Jones, Morss, Potter, Price, Strong, Wells.—14.

The Rev. Mr. Haskins was excused from voting.

Of the Lay delegates:—

For the postponement:—

St. Paul's Church, Boston, by Messrs Codman, Dunn and Davis.
Grace Church, Boston, by Messrs. Howard and Dix.
St. Paul's Church, Dedham, by T. Metcalf, Esq.
St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton, by Mr. Walker.
St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, by Mr. S. B. Russel.—5.

Against the postponement:—

Trinity Church, Boston, by J. T. Apthorp, Esq.
Christ Church, Boston, by Messrs. Wilson, Bacon, and Ingraham.
Christ Church, Cambridge, by Joseph Foster, Esq.
St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, by Edward A. Newton, Esq.—4.

So the votes of the two orders not concurring, the resolution was not carried.

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* As this instrument was superseded by the Constitution which was proposed last year, and which was adopted at the close of the Convention, it is not printed with this Journal. The following are the words of the second and third articles.

"Art. II. The clergy and lay deputies in Convention shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote as two distinct orders: and the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to every measure."

"Art. III. Each congregation represented in Convention shall have one vote: and no deputy shall represent more than one congregation."

The Rev. Matthias Munro, asked and obtained leave of absence.

On motion, it was resolved that the Convention adjourn to meet at Trinity Church, immediatety after Divine Service and Sermon this afternoon; the resolution being carried by a division, according to the provisions of the Constitution.

Trinity Church, Thursday, 6 o'clock, P.M.

Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment, after Divine Service had been performed by the Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, Rector of St. John's Church, Sutton, and a discourse delivered by the Rev. Salmon Wheaton, Rector of Trinity Church, Newport, from St. Luke xi. 32. "*The men of Nineveh shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonas.*"

The roll having been called, it appeared that there were present 23 of the Clergy, and the Lay Representatives of 7 parishes.

On motion, by the Rev. Dr. Morss, the discussion of the resolution introduced in the morning, respecting the constitutionality of the elections made yesterday, was resumed.

On motion, by John T. Apthorp, Esq., the following was introduced as an amendment of the original resolution:—

Whereas, upon an examination of the Constitution of this Convention, it appears that the elections made yesterday of the Standing Committee and Delegates to the General Convention, to be held in New York, in October next, were irregular, the same are hereby declared null and void; and it is therefore voted to proceed to a new choice of a Standing Committee and Delegates, for the purpose aforesaid, in a constitutional manner.

The question on the amendment being taken by a division of orders, the votes were as follows :

Of the Clergy, present 23.

For the amendment :—

Rev. Messrs. Ballard, Blaisdale, Blake, Boyle, Croswell, Doane, Eaton, Everett, Jones, Morss, Potter, Price, Strong, Wells.—14.

Against the amendment :—

Rev. Messrs. Baury, Edson, Fenner, Goodwin, Hopkins, E. Munro, M. Munro, Stone.—8.

The Rev. Mr. Haskins was excused from voting.

Of the Lay Delegates, representing 7 parishes :—For the amendment :—

Trinity Church, Boston, by J. T. Apthorp, Esq. ; Christ Church, Boston, by Messrs. Bacon and Ingraham ; St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, by E. A. Newton, Esq.—3.

Against the amendment :—

St. Paul's Church, Boston, by Messrs. Dunn, Codman, and Davis ; Grace Church, Boston, by Messrs. Dix and Howard ; St. Paul's Church, Dedham, by T. Metcalf, Esq. ; St. Peter's Church, Salem, by Mr. J. Howard.—4.

So the votes of the two orders not being in concurrence, the resolution was not carried.

The question then being taken on the original resolution, the result of the vote by a division of orders, was as follows :

Of the Clergy present, 23.

For the resolution :—

Rev. Messrs. Ballard, Blaisdale, Blake, Boyle, Croswell, Doane, Eaton, Everett, Jones, Morss, Potter, Price, Strong, Wells.—14.

Against the resolution :—

Rev. Messrs. Baury, Edson, Fenner, Goodwin, Hopkins, E. Munro, M. Munro, Stone.—8.

The Rev. Mr. Haskins was excused from voting.

Of the Lay Delegates, representing 8 parishes :

For the resolution :—

Trinity Church, Boston, by J. T. Apthorp, Esq. ; Christ Church, Boston, by Messrs. Bacon and Ingraham ; St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, by E. A. Newton, Esq.—3.

Against the resolution :—

St. Paul's Church, Boston, by Messrs. Codman, Davis, and Dunn ; Grace Church, Boston, by Messrs. Howard and Dix ; St. Paul's Church, Dedham, by T. Metcalf, Esq. ; St. Peter's Church, Salem, by Mr. J. Howard ; St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton, by J. Walker.—5.

So a majority of the Clerical votes being in the affirmative,

and a majority of the Lay Delegates having voted in the negative, the resolution was not carried.

The Committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's annual Report, with the financial statements annexed, reported in favor of the same, and recommended their publication with the journal, which report was accepted. (See Appendix.)

No order having been taken on the report of the Committee, appointed to examine the Treasurer's account of the preceding year, it was presented by Mr. C. Williams, and accepted, and ordered to be printed with the foregoing.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at St. Paul's Church, this evening, immediately after divine service.

St. Paul's Church, Thursday evening, 9 o'clock.

Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, Divine Service having been performed by the Rev. Joseph H. Price, Minister of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, and a sermon delivered, by the Rev. Titus Strong, Rector of St. James' Church, Greenfield, from Amos, vi. 1, "*Wo unto them that are at ease in Zion.*"

On the roll being called 16 of the clergy answered to their names; and 9 Lay delegates, representing 6 parishes.

On motion, by E. A. Newton, Esq., resolved that the rule requiring all elections to be by ballot be dispensed with, and that a Committee be appointed to nominate the Preacher for the opening of the next Convention, a Treasurer, and Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

E. A. Newton, Esq. the Rev. Dr. Eaton, and the Rev. Mr. Welles, were appointed this Committee.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Edson, the Secretary and Treasurer were appointed a Committee to superintend the printing of a competent number of copies of the Journal of the Convention.

On motion, by E. A. Newton, Esq., Resolved that it be the duty of the Standing Committee to ascertain on or about the first day of October next, whether any of the Delegates to the General Convention, now elected, be unable or indisposed to attend its next session, and if any, to supply their place with suitable substitutes.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Welles, Resolved, that the consideration of the proposed Constitution, reported to the last Convention, to be adopted or rejected at this session, be now taken up, and that the same be acted on, article by article.

Accordingly the discussion was commenced and finished, and many amendments proposed.

Whereupon, on motion by the Rev. Mr. Jones, it was resolved, that the Constitution, as reported and printed in the Journal of the last Convention be and is hereby adopted; and that the whole body of amendments be laid over to be acted upon at the next Convention.

The nominating Committee made a report which was read and accepted; whereby

The Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin was appointed Preacher to the next annual Convention, and the Rev. William T. Potter his substitute;

William Parker, Esq. was appointed Treasurer of the Convention; and

The following gentlemen were appointed Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, viz: the Rev. Dr. Eaton, the Rev. Mr. Doane, the Rev. Mr. Ballard, E. H. Robbins, Esq. Henry Codman, Esq.

On motion, Resolved, that the next Convention be held in Trinity Church, Boston, on the third Wednesday in June next, at 9 o'clock, A. M., that divine service commence at 10 o'clock, and that notice of the time of meeting and of divine service, be given by the Secretary to the Clergy of the Commonwealth, in the Banner of the Church, and in the public journals.

On motion, by the Rev. Mr. Strong, Resolved, that the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Clergy and Congregations of the City of Boston, for the kindness and hospitality extended to the members of the Convention.

On motion, Resolved that the consideration of the Canons proposed at the last Convention, be deferred until another session of the Convention.

On motion, by E. A. Newton, Esq. resolved that the Secretary and Standing Committee be directed to prepare a report of the state of the Church in this Commonwealth, to be communicated to the General Convention by the delegates to the same.

On motion, at half past eleven o'clock P. M., the Convention adjourned, *sine die*, after the Episcopal benediction.

Attest,

WILLIAM CROSWELL,

Secretary, pro tem.

In pursuance of the resolution introduced by the Rev. Dr. Morss, Trinity Church was opened for Divine Service at half past five o'clock, on Thursday morning. Morning Prayer was read by the Rt. Rev. Bp. Griswold, and the special form was introduced to be used by the Clergy of the Commonwealth in reference to the apprehended danger from "the sickness that destroyeth at noonday."

APPENDIX.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS ESTABLISHED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1830.

Church.	Place.	Minister.	Baptisms.		Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday School. *	Bible Class. *	Missionary Societies.	Missionary Contributions.
			Infants.	Adults.	Added.	Died or removed	Present number.							

N. B. It is expected, that the Clergyman make such observations, as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish, and of his ministerial services, during the past year.

* Under these heads it is desirable, that the number of members should be stated.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Trinity Church, Boston, Suffolk County.

Baptisms, Infants, 27, Adults 8.—Communicants, died or removed 21, added 41, present number 270.—Marriages 5.—Burials, 33.—Sunday scholars, 60.—Bible class, open to all the congregation. Whole amount contributed for Missionary and other general purposes of the Church, $1220.

The Rector has little to report of the state of his parish, beyond that gradual, and he hopes, constant improvement, which is undoubtedly the surest reliance of religion and the Church. An increase of the public means of grace has been more than rewarded by the increased attention and interest of the parishioners. On all the stated fasts and festivals of the Church, morning prayers, in accordance with the usages of the best and purest ages, are performed, and abundant conviction has been obtained that when constantly and regularly presented, such services will be well, and it is believed profitably, attended. A preparatory lecture on the Wednesday afternoon preceding the administration of the holy communion, has lately been adopted, in addition to the celebration of morning prayers on the Friday preceding that sacred ordinance. The course of scriptural examinations, reported the last year, having been concluded, a course of lectures expository of the Acts of the Apostles has been commenced, to be delivered in the Church on Wednesday afternoons. The explanations then given are to be imparted to the scholars of the Sunday school, by their teachers on the following Sunday; and the whole school is afterwards examined on the passage by the Rector. In these ways, in addition to the public services of the Lord's day, and the daily parochial intercourse, the Rector seeks to sow in the hearts of his people the good seed of the word, trusting, for the fruits of the Spirit, to the gracious blessing of Him, who, by his heavenly grace, can alone give the increase.

G. W. Doane, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Boston, Suffolk County.

As this Church has been vacant the last 9 or 10 months, the present Rector having very recently entered on the duties of his charge, it cannot be expected to have made any special advance since the last annual Report; while the Rector finds himself unable, as yet, to state correctly the baptisms, marriages and burials

of the past year ; the present number of communicants and Sunday Scholars ; or the amount of Missionary contributions since last Convention. To one thing, however, he is gratified in being able to bear his testimony ; the highly commendable spirit of union and zeal, which has actuated the people of his new charge, during the interval, that has elapsed since the removal of their late beloved Rector. He trusts he may receive this as a happy presage of their future unity in the faith of the Gospel, and engagedness in the service of Christ and his Church. The state of the parish has, he believes, met with little change since the last report, except by deaths, removals, or other Providences incident to a vacancy in its Rectorship. The number of its communicants has been somewhat diminished by the transfer of several to the new communion of Grace Church, in this city ; but, as appeared in the services of Whit-Sunday, is still large. Measures, it is expected, will be speedily taken for the enlargement of the Sunday School, the revival of the Bible Class, and the efficient management of the Missionary Society ; upon all which it is devoutly hoped the blessing of God will, as heretofore, abundantly rest.

JOHN S. STONE, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Boston, Suffolk County.

Baptisms, 51 Infants, 1 adult.—Communicants at the commencement of the present Rector's incumbency, 120.—Added 66.—Removed or died 24.—Present number 162.—Marriages 15.—Burials 24.—Sunday School Teachers 23, Scholars 308.—Missionary contributions, 107 dollars. This sum which will be considerably increased, in a few weeks, is smaller than usual, in consequence of the great effort which has been requisite within the parish, to relieve the Church from its heavy pecuniary embarrassments. The loss of our late excellent benefactor and time-honored warden, Thomas Clark, Esq., of which the affecting memorials are about us, is deeply felt and sincerely mourned. But blessed be God, " though perplexed we are not in despair ; though cast down we are not destroyed ;" and amid many causes of depression, there is reason to believe that the spiritual state of the parish may be regarded as comparatively healthful and vigorous.

WILLIAM CROSWELL, *Rector.*

Grace Church, Boston, Suffolk County.

Families 25 to 30.—Baptisms, Infants 3, Adults 2.—Communicants, added 14.—Removed 4.–Present number 41.—Sunday scholars 105.—Sunday School teachers 21.—Deaths 4.—Missionary Association 1.—Marriages 4.—Missionary contributions, about $200.

This parish was reported to the last Convention by the Rev. G. F. Haskins, who with praiseworthy zeal continued to officiate reg-

ularly on Sundays, and to hold a weekly lecture on Wednesday evenings, until the month of October, when he removed to Providence. The congregation then became dependent on lay reading and the services of such clergymen as could conveniently assist. The Rev. J. P. Fenner, Navy Chaplain, being located in this city, has officiated very frequently on Sunday mornings and occasionally in the afternoon, and has almost invariably met with the congregation one evening during the week. His services have been highly acceptable and we trust useful, and will be held by the members of the parish in grateful remembrance. Mr. Samuel McBurney, a candidate for Holy Orders, has officiated as Lay reader to the present time, and enjoys the esteem and affection of the people.

Owing to the unfavorable location of the building in Piedmont square, and it being under mortgage for debt to a large amount, the interest on which the occupants were required to pay, and which formed a heavy item of their annual expenditure, the parish voted to give it up, and remove for the present to a building in Bedford Street, having in view, as soon as circumstances will permit, the erection of a new church of moderate cost, to be located towards the southern section of the city. The removal took place in February, and although a few families left the parish on account of the change, a greater number has since been added.

It is anticipated that arrangements will soon be made which will secure to this flock the services of a settled pastor.

BENJAMIN HOWARD, } *Wardens.*
STEPHEN A. DIX, }

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, Essex County.

Baptisms, Infants 20, Adults 4.—Communicants added 16.—Died or removed 6.—Present number 84.—Confirmed 24.—Marriages 5.—Burials 16.—Sunday School 90.—Bible Class 15.—Missionary Societies 3.—Missionary Contributions $70.

Since the last year, a new building to be used as a chapel or vestry, has been appended to the Church, calculated to accommodate about 150 persons. In this, weekly exercises have been held on Wednesday evenings, on which occasions the Holy Scriptures have been expounded in order, commencing with the Gospel of John and proceeding with the Acts of the Apostles: in which the distinctive doctrines of the Gospel and the Church have been explained, it is believed, with considerable success. Also, on Saturday evening of every week, there have been Bible class exercises, consisting mostly of females, which have been attended by considerable numbers, as hearers or spectators. On Sunday evenings, after the daily service, a Sunday school has been attended uniformly by the Rector who has closed the exercises with remarks and questions on the catechism, or the appropriate services of the day. This is well

provided with teachers, and appears to be in successful operation. The Church is opened usually on Saint's days and in Lent, when a sermon is commonly preached, relative to the day and the occasion. On Passion week, there was service and a sermon every day in the week, which was well attended, and accompanied with lively interest and followed with beneficial effects. The excellence of the Church in providing *regular* and impressive occasions for protracted religious exercises, was thus happily exemplified.

JAMES MORSS, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Church, Salem, Essex County.

Baptisms, Infants 4, Adults 1.—Communicants added 8, 1 has died, 4 have removed.—Present number about 62.—Confirmed 7.—Burials 10.—Marriages 1.—Sunday School scholars 80, Teachers 14. One evening in the week I meet with the Teachers and Scholars, and instruct them in the lesson for the following Sunday. Missionary Societies 3.—Contributions by that auxiliary to the Massachusetts Society, $40.—By that for Domestic and Foreign Missions, not yet known.—Easter collections, about $20. The avails of a Ladies Sewing Society are intended to aid a domestic Mission.

Nothing has occurred in this parish worthy of particular notice. There has been in the congregation some increase; but whether in what is infinitely more important, piety, godliness and zeal, there has been any considerable increase, is more doubtful. This is owing in part no doubt to what in such cases we have generally most reason to fear, want of engagedness and active zeal in the Lord's work; for his blessing will attend his appointed means when they are rightly used; but in part also to my being so much absent from the people, and when at home so much engaged in other duties. There has never been a time when it was more necessary than at the present for the ministers of Christ to preach the word in season and out of season; to reprove, rebuke and exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time, predicted by an Apostle, *has* come, when men will not endure sound doctrine; but heap to themselves such teachers, as they like best to hear. May the Lord give us grace and strength to know and to do his will!

ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD, *Rector.*

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, Essex County.

Baptisms, Infants 2, Adults 1.—Communicants, added 6, present number 26.—Confirmed 6.—Burials 4.—Sunday Scholars 60. Missionary Societies 1.—Missionary Contributions $48 25.

St. Michael's Church, in Marblehead, after passing through a series of difficulties for one hundred and sixteen years, and being closed the last four years, was re-opened for divine service on the

first Sunday in November last. Its condition now is highly encouraging. There is an attachment to the Church unprecedented in the experience of the present minister. Were there no other evidence of this, the Missionary collection at Easter would be sufficient. Our Sunday School is well sustained both as it respects teachers and pecuniary means. There has been occasionally a lecture in the Church on Sunday evenings, and a social religious meeting in the house of one of the members of the congregation on Tuesday evenings, with some interruptions. On the whole, this Church may be considered as in a better condition in many important respects than it has ever been, because it is believed, its continuance does not depend upon the ministry of any particular clergyman. By the blessing of God upon the persevering efforts of his faithful people in this place, the Church has been restored to them, and by the same blessing may their privileges be continued to them, till the Church militant is lost in the Church triumphant.

JOSEPH H. PRICE, *Minister.*

St. Anne's Church, Lowell, Middlesex County.

Baptisms, Infants 22, Adults 11.—Communicants, added 16.—Died or removed 3.—Present number 71.—Confirmed 34.—Marriages 13.—Burials 19.—Sunday Scholars 175.—Bible Class 20. Missionary Societies 2.—Missionary contributions $ 112.

The condition of this parish is prosperous. The Rector has performed service at Methuen, a distance of 10 miles, once a month, where a small parish has been organized, and is in a promising condition. The attention to subjects of religion seems increasing in both these parishes.

THEODORE EDSON, *Rector.*

St. Mary's Church, Newton, Middlesex County.

In presenting this, his tenth parochial report of St. Mary's Church, Newton, to the annual convention, the Rector feels constrained, on reviewing his past labors among this people, to render unfeigned thanks and praise to Almighty God, for the acknowledged moral and religious improvement, he has been permitted to witness.

Of perhaps more than seventy families, now composing his pastoral charge, not one were educated in the principles of our Church, neither has an Episcopal family, nor scarcely an individual member of our communion, ever removed into the parish. There exists however a very general attachment to the doctrines, discipline and worship of the Church. The congregation is respectable in point of numbers, and would, it is believed, be more so, had not the mistaken policy of excluding galleries in our places of worship been here adopted. There are no free sittings in the Church, except in the organ loft; this is small, and occupied prin-

cipally by the choir. The temporal condition of this parish, was never more flourishing than at the present time. Could the same with truth be reported of its spiritual state, there would indeed be cause for devout gratitude and praise. The last conventional year has not been distinguished by any increased attention to religion, and its sacred duties. There have been 15 infants baptized, 4 Communicants added, 5 have died or removed, making the present number 68. The Rt. Rev. Bishop, on his visit to this parish, in June last past, admitted 6 persons to the rite of confirmation. There have been 11 burials and one marriage. The Sunday School is well attended, and under the superintendence of the Rector. There are the names of 82 children enrolled, and nine teachers; four male, and five female. An additional number of pious and engaged teachers, seems to be all that is wanting to render the school eminently flourishing. The Bible class consists of 25 members. There are two Missionary Societies. The one, auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society contributed $30. The other, auxiliary to the Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society, contributed twenty dollars, making the amount of Missionary contributions $50.

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton, Middlesex County.

During the past year, the undersigned has held regular services, and preached one Sunday in almost every month in this small and destitute parish. One adult, and one infant have been baptized; four persons admitted to the holy communion, and six candidates were presented to the Rt. Rev. Bishop for confirmation on his visit to this church in December last. Others of the clergy have also supplied them for a few Sundays, while for the two last, the acceptable services of the Rev. Ephraim Munro, Deacon, have been secured and it is hoped will be continued for a time.

A. L. BAURY, *Visiting Minister.*

St. Paul's Church, Dedham, Norfolk County.

Baptisms, Infants 1.—Communicants, Died 1.—Present number 33.—Burials 1.—Sunday Scholars 32.—Missionary Societies 2. Missionary contributions, $27 50.

About thirty families may be considered as permanently attached to this Society. The state of the Parish, as to harmony of religious sentiment and serious regard to the general interests of the Church, seems to warrant the belief that the labors of a devoted ministry, would, by the Divine blessing, advance the spiritual improvement of the worshippers and increase their number.

ELISHA THAYER, }
GEORGE DIXON, } *Wardens.*

Christ Church, Quincy, Norfolk County.

The minister of this parish respectfully reports, that the spiritual and best interests of the Church, have not been so decidedly improved as at the last Convention, he humbly anticipated that he should have been able to report at this Convention. Yet the Lord hath not left it without some tokens of his presence. There have been 21 baptisms and 9 new communicants, and several have enquired with contrite and broken hearts, " what they were to do, to be saved," who from conscientious fears, are restrained from an open profession of their faith. By the zealous efforts of one individual, who, when he hath put his hand to the plough, never looks back, a paper was circulated for subscription, towards the erection of a new church on a site of land, most generously given for that purpose by Mr. William P. Apthorp, and his labors were crowned with abundant success, even beyond our most sanguine expectations. The corner stone of this edifice, will be laid by the Bishop this week, or on the early part of the next. The contract is made considerably within the sum subscribed, and the building is to be completed by the first of October, and if we are permitted to assemble at the next annual Convention, I shall hope to give an account of its prosperous completion.

The prospects of this Church on the whole, are encouraging, though a few have left us to form a congregational society. Many more were added on the first of May, and very many rational, pious and consistent Christians, of other societies around us, appear to be turning their views towards the Church. That they may be thus directed by God's guidance, and eventually saved by his grace, is the humble petition of

WILLIAM T. POTTER, *Rector.*

St. Thomas' Church, Taunton, Bristol County.

Baptisms, Infants 18.—Communicants, added 12, removed 6, present number 25.—Marriages 5.—Burials 10.—Missionary contributions, $43 85. The Sunday School and Bible Class remain about as last year.

The Rector of this Church is happy in testifying to the progressive improvement of the parish, in an increasing attendance on the ordinances, a growing religious sensibility, and a spirit of self-sacrifice in promoting the temporal welfare of the parish.

Several more persons are now ready to unite in communion. A number of candidates are prepared for confirmation, the administration of which rite was deferred at the late visit of our Bishop, in anticipation of a special visit for that purpose. An expensive and beautiful organ has been placed in the Church by the liberality of a few individuals.

JOHN WEST, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Bridgewater, Plymouth County.

Baptisms, Adults 1.—Communicants, added 3, present number, 32.—Confirmed 2.—Burials 11.—Sunday Scholars 40.—Missionary Society 1.—Missionary contributions $5 25.

In my last year's report, I stated the number of communicants in this Church to be (as nearly as I could then ascertain) 33, but I have since found, by becoming better acquainted with its members, that several persons of other denominations usually communed with them, and were included in that number, but in this report I have confined myself strictly to its own members. This parish is certainly in a flourishing state, several families of very respectable standing in society, having recently joined it, some of those however, who have become members of it during the past year, can only be considered as temporary residents, and consequently will, in all probability leave this for some other place, when greater pecuniary advantages are offered them. We cannot anticipate all the benefits from our Sunday School, that we otherwise should confidently expect, could we be furnished with teachers who fully realize the infinite worth of the immortal soul! who consider religion to be the pearl of great price, *emphatically* the one thing needful! Through God's goodness, I am enabled to state, that the services of the sanctuary are generally well attended upon all occasions, and that a deep seriousness now pervades the minds of many of our people; and I believe I am fully justified in saying, that in all probability, if our church edifice were much larger, it would still be well filled, but at present we seem to be destitute of the necessary means of enlarging it, and must consequently, patiently wait for the moving of the waters. The people of this parish, have made great exertions to raise as much as they *possibly* could, toward my support, and after all their efforts find that they must have some aid from the Missionary Society of this state, or elsewhere, a while longer (at least) or they must again be left destitute of the ministrations of the Gospel. The Church has been uniformly opened for Divine service every morning and evening on the Lord's day, through the year past, with one single exception; a third service is performed every other Sunday in the neighborhood of the paper mills, and I hold a meeting every fourth Sunday evening at the Poor House; and besides these we have had occasional meetings during the week.

MATTHIAS MUNRO, *Rector.*

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, Plymouth County.

Baptisms, Infants 5, Adults 1.—Communicants added 4.—Died or removed, 2.—Present number 48.—Confirmed 3.—Marriages, 8.—Burials 6.—Sunday Scholars 75.—Bible Class 20.—Missionary Society 1.—Missionary contributions $10.

Through the blessing of the great Head of the Church, it is be-

lieved that the religious state of this society is greatly improved. There is more interest taken in religious things, than at any former period. Though it has suffered much, by death and removals, yet our congregation is as numerous as it was fourteen years ago. The present number of the congregation is about 350, including children. The utmost harmony prevails among them. In addition to three services on the Lord's day and meeting the bible-class once a week, I frequently preach two or three times a week at private houses, in different parts of the parish.

CALVIN WOLCOTT.

Trinity Church, Marshfield, Plymouth County.

Notwithstanding the great exertions of other denominations to draw from the Church, it continues to hold on its way, and on the whole is flourishing. I preach here the last Sunday in every month, and have a third service every other Sunday evening.—Number of communicants 22.--Members of the congregation, including children, about 100.—Burial 1. CALVIN WOLCOTT.

St. James' Church, Greenfield, Franklin County.

Baptisms, Infants 22.—Adults 2.—Communicants added 11.—Died or removed 10.—Present number 66.—Marriages 2.—Burials 19.—Sunday Scholars 70.—Bible Class 12.—Missionary Society 1.—Missionary contributions $ 15.

No material change has taken place in this parish since the report of last year, except from the removal of two large and influential families, whose loss we most deeply feel.

T. STRONG, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Montague, Franklin County.

The members of this small parish are making great exertions for a prosperous continuance of their existence. They are few in number, but although their hopes have often been prostrated and their labors apparently unsuccessful, they are still resolved to persevere in the cause to which they are most ardently attached. The Rector of St. James' Church, Greenfield, is engaged to preach to them once a month through the summer, but they need other help. A permanent minister, or a resident missionary, for a few months would do great good among this people.

T. STRONG.

St. John's Church, Ashfield, Franklin County.

Baptisms, Infants 4.—Number of Families 30.—Number of Communicants 35.—Marriages 2.—Burials 3.—Sunday Scholars 20.—Easter contributions, $5.

Since the last annual report, the parish has been diminished by one death and the removal of four families. A number of indi-

viduals not members of the society, but who, occasionally, and some constantly, attend Church, have contributed seventy-five dollars towards the support of the gospel the present year. The parish, however, is still dependent on missionary aid. The Rector relinquished his connexion with the Sanderson Academy in March last, as it interfered with his parochial duties, and did not furnish him with an income sufficient to compensate for the time devoted to it.

SILAS BLAISDALE, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville, (Sutton,) Worcester County.

Baptisms, Infants 3, Adults 4.—Communicants, added 9.—Removed 6.—Present number 18.—Burials 8.—Sunday Scholars 50. Bible Class 16.

During the past year a few families have withdrawn from this society to attend other ministrations. The society, however, does not appear to have been materially weakened, nor the number of attendants on public worship much diminished. The Church is new to many of the people, and there is some reluctance to examine into its merits, but as many as have been willing to become acquainted with its doctrines and mode of worship are manifestly increasing in attachment to it. Many already appear to value its sound instructions, and its engaging and animating devotions, as a rich and invaluable blessing; the more serious have most confidence in the Church, and are most affectionately attached to it; and these too appear to be chiefly profiting in divine things, and to show increasing evidences of piety. The temporal prospects of this society are somewhat better than they were the last year. A generous spirit is exhibited by all who take an interest in its affairs.

D. L. B. GOODWIN, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Clappville, (Leicester,) Worcester County.

Baptisms, 18, Adults 6, Infants 12.—Communicants added, 15.—Died or removed 15.—Present number 83.—Confirmed 11.—Marriage 1.—Burials 7.—Sunday Scholars 45.—Missionary Societies 2. Missionary contributions $73 50.

The number of removals from this parish the past year has been unusually great. We have lost some of our most valuable members. But their ranks have been gradually filled, so that our condition both in temporal and spiritual affairs is not essentially altered. We are under renewed obligations to the benevolent individual* alluded to in our last report. Among other instances of his generosity we cannot omit to notice a donation of $25, to procure books for the Sunday School library. Surely the young will "rise up and call him blessed."

LOT JONES, *Rector.*

* Joshua Clapp, Esq., Boston.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, Berkshire County.

Baptisms, Infants 6, Adults 1.—Communicants added 2.—Present number 32.—Burials 3.—Sunday Scholars 55.—Missionary contributions, $44.

Great encouragement and assistance have been afforded to this Church by the Episcopal Missionary Society of this state. Indeed we are indebted, under God, to the aid derived from this source, for our establishment and promising prospects; for, without the assurance of help from it towards the support of a clergyman, and the actual aid received, the endeavor to plant the Church here at present, could not and would not have been made. It is gratifying to be able to state that the condition of this parish is very encouraging, both in respect to the prospect of its permanence and continued increase. The customary services of the Church during the last year were held but a few times by clergymen, whose labors in this promising field are gratefully remembered. The present Rector took charge of its spiritual concerns in the month of January, and since that time the congregation has been constantly supplied with the ordinances of the Church. Occasionally service has been held during the week at our place of assembling; and also a few times in a part of the town at some distance from the village. During the season of Lent four lectures, explanatory of the Prayer Book, were given at the intermission on Sundays; and there is reason to believe that the information, thus communicated, was beneficial to the interests of the Society.

A Gothic edifice of dark colored stone, after a chaste and beautiful model, and of dimensions sufficiently large for the convenience of the congregation, is now in the progress of erection. It has a projecting tower, and also buttresses which have been added at the expense of the individual whose untiring exertions have been checked by no discouragements. The location of the building is the best to be found in this flourishing village. A sufficient amount of funds to meet the expenses accruing from its erection, has been raised by the society; and not the smallest amount of debt will be due to any person at the time of its completion, which will probably be in the month of November.

Among other encouragements to awaken our greater diligence, it is proper to mention that a worthy lady of the congregation, whose pious deeds will long be borne in grateful recollection, has made the society the present of a good organ, to aid us in celebrating the praises of our Redeemer. The Sunday School has lately been re-organized, and contains 55 scholars, with a suitable number of devoted teachers, a large library for lending to the scholars and others, and promises in all respects to be very useful.

The collections which have been made are the following:

For the Sunday School,	22,25
" " Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society,	44,00
" " Contingent Fund of the Convention,	7,50
	$73,75

Nearly fifty families have been visited, in the greater part of which, a decided attachment has already been formed for our doctrines and peculiar mode of worship. Prejudice is abating. The congregation is evidently on the increase; and the hope is confidently entertained, that when the building for public worship is completed, the number will be much enlarged. The responses are regularly made and conformity is general.

There is an abundant cause of gratitude in the reflection on the prosperity which has thus far attended these incipient efforts. While his people have been laboring against many untoward occurrences, the Lord has not withheld his blessing, and has afforded us a reason for rejoicing. If the Lord build the house, no exertions by His enemies can inflict harm on his faithful servants.

EDWARD BALLARD, *Rector.*

St Luke's Church, Lanesborough, Berkshire County.

Baptisms, Infants 2.—Communicants added, 6.—Died or removed 7.—Present number 50.—Marriage 1.—Burials 11.

The subscriber has been connected with this Church not quite a year. From deaths, removals, and the absence of the regular ministrations of the gospel, he found the parish in a very low condition; but willing to make any effort in its power for its improvement. By united and liberal exertion was secured for the first time since the organization of the Church, the constant services of a clergyman, and nothing but the Divine blessing upon the use of the means of grace appears to be now wanting, to render the parish as flourishing as its relative situation will admit. A Sunday School and Bible Class are in operation, which promise much benefit to the younger portion of the society. In addition to the salary of the Rector, which is raised in part from a fund contributed mostly by the present members of the parish, they have expended during the year past about $450 upon the parsonage house, and at least $100 more in improvements upon the glebe. The usual collections have been made, and it is hoped and believed that the people generally are growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

SAMUEL B. SHAW, *Rector.*

Episcopal Missionary Chapel, Boston, Suffolk County.

Baptisms, Infants 35, Adults 3.—Communicants added 19.—Died or removed 10.—Present number 110.—Marriages 14.—Burials 31.—Sunday Scholars 113.

The whole number of families which have been visited by the Missionary, since the commencement of his labors in 1829, is about a thousand. The number now under his care is about three hundred. The Chapel continues to be well attended; and the prospects of the Mission, it is believed, are as encouraging as at any period since its commencement. ASA EATON.

House of Reformation Chapel, South Boston, Suffolk County.

Baptisms, Adults 5.—Communicants, added 9.—Removed 1.—Present number 17.—Confirmed 4.—Burial 1.—Sunday School 48.—Missionary contributions, $ 48. E. M. P. WELLS, *Chaplain.*

Navy Chaplaincy, at Charlestown, Middlesex County.

J. P. Fenner respectfully reports to the Massachusetts Convention, that the morning service at the Navy Yard, Charlestown, has been continued, as reported on previous occasions; and, during the winter and spring, there has been generally an afternoon service, and a sermon preached. The rendezvous has been open, during that period, and several hundred seamen have been enlisted, who have thus enjoyed the privileges of divine service and the preached gospel.

Temperance is progressing amongst the U. S. seamen, and it is accompanied with an increasing disposition to give attention to the truths of religion.

Having travelled a few weeks last autumn, for the improvement of health, J. P. F. performed some ministerial services in the State of Vermont. He has also officiated occasionally in some of the Churches here. J. P. FENNER, *Chaplain.*

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Churches.	Places.	Ministers.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday School.	Bible Class.	Missionary Societies.	Missionary Contributions.
			Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died or removed	Present number							
Trinity	Boston	G. W. Doane J. H. Hopkins	27	8	35	41	21	270		5	33	60	Cong.		1220 00
St. Paul's	Boston	J. S. Stone													
Christ	Boston	W. Croswell	51	1	52	66	24	162		15	24	308		1	107 00
Grace	Boston		3	2	5	14	4	41		4	4	105			200 00
St. Paul's	Newburyport	J. Morss	20	4	24	16	6	84	24	5	4	90	15	3	70 00
St. Peter's	Salem	A. V. Griswold	4	1	5	8	5	62	7	1	10	80		3	60 00
St. Anne's	Lowell	T. Edson	22	11	33	16	3	71	34	13	19	175	20	2	112 00
St. Mary's	Newton	A. L. Baury	15		15	4	5	68	6	1	11	82	25	2	50 00
St. Paul's	Hopkinton	E. Munro	1	1	2	4	3		6						
St. Paul's	Dedham		1		1		1	33			1	32		2	27 50
Christ	Quincy	W. T. Potter	19	2	21	9	11	58	8	3	11	45	15	3	58 75
St. Thomas'	Taunton	J. West	18		18	12	6	25		5	10				43 85
Trinity	Bridgewater	M. Munroe		1	1	3		32	2		11	40		1	5 25
St. Andrews	Hanover	C. Wolcott	5	1	6	4	2	48	3	8	6	75	20	1	10 00
Trinity	Marshfield	C. Wolcott						22			1				
St. James'	Greenfield	T. Strong	22	2	24	11	10	66		2	19	70	12	1	15 00
St. John's	Ashfield	S. Blaisdale	4		4		3	35		2	3	20			5 00
St. John's	Sutton	D. L. B. Goodwin	3	4	7	9	6	18			8	50	16		
Christ	Clappville	L. Jones	12	6	18	15	15	83	11	1	7	45		2	73 50
St. Stephen's	Pittsfield	E. Ballard	6	1	7	2		32			3	55			44 00
St. Luke's	Lanesboro'	S. B. Shaw	2		2	6		50		1	11				
Ep. Miss. Chapel	Boston	A. Eaton	35	3	38	19	10	110		14	31	113			
H. of Reform'n.	S. Boston	E. M. P. Wells		5	5	9	1	17	4		1	48			48 00
		Total	270	54	324	268	133	1287	105	80	218	1493	123	21	$2149 85

The foregoing summary is far from being complete. From the parishes of St. Matthews', Boston; Christ Church, Cambridge; Trinity, Lenox; St. Paul's, Otis; St. John's, Northampton; St. James', Great Barrington; and St. Mark's, Blanford; no parochial reports were received; and the returns from many other Churches, as will be seen above, are destitute of more or less of the details specified in the form established by the Convention, and sent by the Secretary to every Clergyman several weeks before its sitting. To repeat the remark made in this place, in the Journal of last year, "The clergy will, of course, perceive that an accurate statement can never be prepared, unless they *all* send reports, and comply *strictly* with the form established by the Convention of 1830."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Massachusetts submits to the consideration of the Convention, his annual report. In the endeavor to present an accurate and satisfactory account of the finances and resources of the current year, it would be disingenuous to conceal the embarrassments met with, in the prompt collection of those resources, which are to discharge with punctuality the expenses incident to the business of the Convention; the most prominent of which are the publication and distribution of their Journal, and that portion of the expense of the General Convention, which falls as the quota on that of Massachusetts.

So far as the knowledge of the Treasurer extends, the disbursement of expenses of the annual sessions, prior to the enactment of the Canon of 1828, relative to contingent expenses, was defrayed by individual contribution, principally from the laity. Since the existence of that Canon, its provisions have been complied with, only upon the earnest solicitation and personal persuasion of the Treasurer. The objections on the part of those Parishes who were assessed in the largest sums, have been the presumption of the non compliance by all. The objects of expenditure as expressed in the Canon, are, to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop to this Convention;—to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members as cannot afford to pay the same, not however exceeding $10 to any clergyman in one year;—to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Convention, not exceeding $25 to each delegate;—to pay the quota assessed on the several churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof;—and to pay for the publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by its order.

By the accompanying account which is submitted for examination by your Committee, it will appear, that no other expenses have been defrayed than the quota, exacted by the General Convention, and the publication of a thousand copies of the Journal and documents, ordered by a vote at the last annual session; which number, as it was unusually large, required an expenditure of very little less than $100. A small balance remains in the hands of the Treasurer, and some small accounts are due for expenses incident to the last meeting, which await the attention of the

proper Committee to be passed and adjusted, the payment of which will absorb that balance, leaving unprovided for all other objects of expenditure.

By the provisions of the Canon of 1828, it is made necessary that the names of those Parishes, who, by delinquency of payment, have omitted to comply with its requisitions, should be inserted in the annual Report of the Treasurer. While it is presumed that accident or inadvertence have been the cause of such omission, the spirit and the letter of the Canon, in its interpretation, seems to admit of no alternative to a literal obedience of its requisitions.

The following Parishes have omitted to pay their respective quotas, and have not presented certificates of votes of their inability.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston, for three years.
St. Paul's Church, Dedham.
St. James's Church, Great Barrington.
Christ Church, Clappville, Leicester.
St. Paul's Church, Otis.
Trinity Church, Lenox.
St. Mark's Church, Blandford.
Christ Church, Quincy, two years.
St. James's Church, Greenfield, two years.
St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, two years.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM PARKER, *Treasurer.*

Boston, June 16, 1832.

Dr. *Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Mass. in account with W. Parker, Treasurer.* Cr.

1831.				1831.		
June 24.	To amount remitted to Secretary of General Convention, being amount of assessment for 32 Clergymen, per vote of the Convention, at 25 cts.	8 00		June 15.	By amount received of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	5 00
	Do. cash paid sundry postages,	75			St. Peter's Church, Salem, for 1830,	7 50
July 20.	Do. paid for Treasurer's Book to S. & Clapp,	1 75			Do. do. do. 1831,	7 50
	Do. paid E. W. Metcalf for printing 1000 copies Journal of Convention of 1831,	98 70			St. John's Church, Ashfield,	2 25
					St. John's Church, Sutton,	3 37
		109 20		" 27.	Balance from T. W. Phillips, Esq. late Treasurer,	10 26
1832.				28.	St. Paul's Church, Boston,	30 00
June 20.	Balance carried to new account,	17 68		July 2.	Grace Church, Boston,	5 00
				5.	Trinity Church, Bridgewater,	3 00
		$126 88		8.	St. Thomas' Church, Taunton,	7 50
					Christ Church, Cambridge,	5 00
				11.	St. Paul's Church, Newburyport,	10 50
					Trinity Church, Boston,	30 00
						$126 88

The undersigned, having examined the above account, and finding the same properly vouched and accurately accounted, report that the same is correct, and that there remains a balance in the Treasury of $17 68, with which balance we recommend all outstanding accounts due from the Convention be paid; and refer to the Report of the Treasurer, accompanying this account, in which further information will be found relative to the financial affairs herein contained;—the acceptance of which report we respectfully recommend to the Convention.

G. W. Doane,
T. Edson,
A. L. Baury.

CONSTITUTION.

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

ADOPTED IN CONVENTION, JUNE 21, 1832.

Article I.

This Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

Article II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth at Boston, on the third Wednesday in April, in every year; unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

Article III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop, and the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and vote in the Convention. Every Clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, being a settled minister, or regularly officiating in some parish within this Commonwealth; or being a President, Professor, Tutor, or Instructer in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Commonwealth, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this State for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station. Provided, however, that no clergyman, otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years or infirm health, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Commonwealth in union with this Convention shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay-delegate or delegates, not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens, shall, before his admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay-delegate, unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled, on a division, to but one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

Article V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But in case of a vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

Article VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen, upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

Article VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay-delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for. All elections shall be by ballot.

Article VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, subject to the inspection of the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

Article IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

PROPOSED

AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION,

TO BE ACTED ON BY THE CONVENTION OF MASSACHUSETTS IN 1833.

ARTICLE II. For "the third Wednesday in April," to read "the third Wednesday in June."

ARTICLE III. In the second paragraph, 2nd sentence, for "every clergyman," to read, "every *other* clergyman."

To add to the words, "or a chaplain in the army or navy of the United States," the words following, to wit, "or in any benevolent, or other public institution."

In the clause, "actually as well as canonically resident, &c.," to strike out the words, "actually as well as."

To strike out the following words in the same sentence, "and has for the same period been employed in the duties of his station," and insert in lieu thereof, "or have been canonically instituted."

To insert after the words "advanced years or infirm health," the words following, to wit, "or temporary absence."

To add in the third paragraph, after these words, "a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the wardens," the words following, to wit, "or Parish Clerk."

To add to the words in the last sentence, "on a division," the words following, to wit, "by orders."

ARTICLE VII. To add to the words, "except when a division is called for," the words following, to wit, "in which case a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure."

To add to the words, "all elections shall be by ballot," the words following, to wit, "unless otherwise ordered by the Convention."

ARTICLE VIII. To strike out the words, "subject to the inspection of the Convention," and insert in lieu thereof, the words following, to wit, "and shall report the same annually to the Convention."

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The morning service of the Church shall be performed every day, during the session of this Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall con-

tinue standing or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. Every member, who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the question.

8. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone it; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

10. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the President leaves his chair.

CANONS

Respecting the Mode of trying Disorderly Clergymen, adopted in Convention in 1802.

CANON I.

Disorderly, scandalous, and immoral conduct, neglect of duty, disregard of the Constitution or Canons of the General or State Conventions, a continued non-attendance at the annual Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth, without sufficient reasons in the judgment of the Convention, disseminating or countenancing opinions contrary to the doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, are offences, for which a clergyman ought to be censured, and accused of which by the Contion, he ought to be brought to trial.

CANON II.

If any clergyman of this Church offend in any instances enu-

merated in the foregoing Canon, complaint may be made thereof by the wardens, or by three or more communicants of the Church of which he is incumbent, or at which he officiates, or by any other clergyman, to the annual Convention; and if, in the opinions of the majority of both orders, there shall be sufficient cause for said complaint, the same shall be certified to the Bishop, whose duty it shall be to furnish the accused person with a copy of the charges alleged against him, and require him to make answer thereto before him and his council, whom he shall convene to hear and judge of said charge or charges, and notify the accused of the time and place of meeting; notice thereof to be given at least one month before. And if the Bishop and his council, or a major part of them, after hearing the evidence, shall judge the accused person guilty of said charge, the Bishop shall reprove, suspend, or degrade the person so convicted, as he and the said major part of his said council shall think the offence may deserve. But if the offence require degradation or deposition of the person so convicted, sentence shall be pronounced, in the mode prescribed by the sixth article of the General Constitution. And in case the person accused shall neglect to appear after due notice, given as aforesaid, the Bishop and his council shall proceed *ex parte*, and if the judgment shall be censure, the Bishop shall send the same to the person so convicted in writing: but if the offence shall amount to suspension or degradation, the same shall be published agreeably to the directions of the twenty-seventh Canon of the General Convention.

CANON OF 1828,

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum and one half of one per centum* on the salary of its minister: and those parishes, which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay-delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual Report, what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of Standing Committee, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Convention: and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, *viz.* to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop to this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding

ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies at least of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

PROPOSED CANONS.

CANON I.

Providing for Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, to raise and send annually to the Treasurer of the Convention, at or before the opening of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money, which shall be as much as *one per centum and one half of one per centum* on the salary of its minister: and those parishes, which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay-delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual Report, and of the Secretary to publish in the Journal, such parishes as have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, *viz.* to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop to this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; provided, however, that no clergyman shall receive any thing from the Convention fund unless his parish quota has been paid; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota as-

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CANON II.

Providing for the Trial of Clergymen.

In order to bring a clergyman to trial before an ecclesiastical court, a charge shall be made in the first place to the Standing Committee, in writing, by the Chairman thereof, or, under the proper signature of at least two persons; one of whom shall be a presbyter of this Diocese (or Commonwealth.) And if the Standing Committee shall deem the offence charged as coming within the offences enumerated in the Canons of the General Convention, they shall present the same to the Bishop in the following form:

To A. B., Bishop of ———

The Standing Committee of this Diocese (or Commonwealth) respectfully represent that C. D. has been accused, under the hand of E. F. and G. H. of [*here recite the charge or charges*], and the Committee are of opinion, that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial, agreeably to the Canons in such case made and provided.

[Signed by the Standing Committee.]

Whereupon the Bishop shall summon nine presbyters to meet, at some time, not within ninety days, at some place within the county where the accused shall reside or officiate, for the time being; five of whom shall be sufficient to constitute a court for the trial of the charge or charges. If more than five of the persons summoned shall appear, the accused may object to any individual over that number, at his own discretion. If no objection be made, the whole number present shall sit on the trial.

The Bishop shall forthwith give notice to the Standing Committee, of the time and place of the meeting of the court. The Standing Committee shall act as prosecutors in the case; and, at least sixty days before the trial, shall furnish the accused with a copy of the presentment, notice of the time and place of trial, and a specification of the facts on which they expect to maintain the charges. And the accused, at least thirty days before the trial, shall furnish the Standing Committee with a statement of the grounds of his defence, on each specification.

At the time fixed for the trial, the members of the court shall choose a President from their own number, and a Secretary either

from their own number or otherwise, as they shall see fit; and they shall, before they proceed, adopt and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted. Provided, however, that no layman shall act as advocate for either party on the trial; though both parties may, at their option, employ or consult legal or other advisers.

If the accused shall neglect or refuse to appear, or to answer to the charges in the manner herein prescribed, the court shall order judgment to be entered against him, by default. But if he shall appear, the court shall proceed to a fair and impartial hearing of the whole matter, and shall adjudge him *guilty* or *not guilty*, according to the evidence: and if guilty, the sentence which, in their opinion, ought to be pronounced.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings, containing a copy of the presentment, of the specifications, of the notice to the accused, and of his answer, with a statement of all the evidence, both oral and written, and the final judgment of the court: and an attested copy of this record shall be forthwith delivered to the Bishop. If the judgment be *not guilty*, the Bishop shall give a certificate of *acquittal* to the accused, embracing a copy of the presentment and specifications; and the accused shall not be subjected to a second trial on the same facts. If the court judge him *guilty*, on one or more points at issue, the Bishop may disapprove the judgment, and order a new trial, stating his grounds for such decision: or he may approve the judgment, and in that case he shall, within thirty days, proceed to such ecclesiastical censure, as the case may, in his opinion, require;—whether it be admonition, suspension, or degradation from the ministry.

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LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

The Rt. Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, and Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.

The Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

The Rev. Edward Ballard, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

The Rev. Darius Barker, Deacon.

The Rev. Josiah M. Bartlett, Minister of Christ's Church, Cambridge.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls.

The Rev. Silas Blaisdale, Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield.

The Rev. Henry Blackaller, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Taunton.

The Rev. John L. Blake, residing in Boston.

The Rev. Isaac Boyle, residing in Boston.

The Rev. Thomas W. Coit, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge.

The Rev. William Croswell, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, officiating in Trinity Church, Montague.

The Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, Minister of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

The Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., Domestic Missionary, Boston.

The Rev. Theodore Edson, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Lowell.

The Rev. James Everett, Chaplain in the United States Navy.

The Rev. John P. Fenner, Chaplain in the United States Navy, Boston.

The Rev. Francis A. Foxcroft, Deacon.

The Rev. Sturges Gilbert, Rector of St. James' Church, Great Barrington.

The Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, Rector of St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

The Rev. George F. Haskins, Boston.

The Rev. Mark A. D'W. Howe, Rector of St. James' Church, Roxbury.

The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D.

The Rev. Henry C. Knight.

The Rev. Daniel Leach, Deacon, officiating in St. John's Church, Northampton.

The Rev. Stephen C. Millet, Deacon, officiating in Christ Church, Clappville.

The Rev. James Morss, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

The Rev. Samuel McBurney, Minister of Grace Church, Boston.

The Rev. Ephraim Munro, Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

The Rev. Matthias Monroe, Rector of Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

The Rev. William T. Potter, residing in Quincy.

The Rev. Joseph H. Price, residing in Boston.

The Rev. James C. Richmond, Deacon, Assistant to the Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem, and Missionary.

The Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

The Rev. John S. Stone, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

The Rev. Titus Strong, Rector of St. James' Church, Greenfield.

The Rev. E. M. P. Wells, Chaplain, and Superintendent of the Farm School, Thompson's Island, Boston.

The Rev. Calvin Wolcott, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, and of Trinity Church, Marshfield.

Total, 39.

List of Lay Delegates, whose Certificates were presented to the Convention.

St. Paul's Church, Boston. Edward Tuckerman, Stephen Codman, Henry Codman.

Christ Church, Boston. John Bacon, Frederick Clark, Henry H. Huggeford.

Grace Church, Boston. Benjamin Howard, Otis Daniell, Benjamin Hibbard.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead. John Hooper, Samuel B. Russell.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. Abraham Chase, James Dudley, Thomas Lewis.

Trinity Church, Marshfield. Luther Little, Church C. Trouont.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover. Reuben Curtis, Ira Warren, Robert Curtis.

Christ Church, Cambridge. Eliab W. Metcalf, Isaac Lum.

St. James' Church, Roxbury. Otis Pierce, Peter Wainwright, John Hall.

Christ Church, Quincy. Zebediah Hollis, George Veazie, Eliphalet Smith.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham. Elisha Thayer, George D. Gordon, Samuel Swett.

St. John's Church, Ashfield. Simeon Phillips.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. Edward A. Newton, Parker L. Hall, Jonathan Allen, 2d.

St. Peter's Church, Salem. John W. Treadwell, Ralph H. French, Thomas Needham.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater. George Hooker, Nathaniel Witherell, Ephraim Sprague.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton. Joseph Walker.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport. William Faris, John Dean, Moses Merrill, Edward S. Rand, Samuel Boardman.

St. Mary's Church, Newton. Amos Lyon, Ezra Warren, Caleb M. Stimson.

St. James' Church, Greenfield. David S. Jones.

Total, 50.

The following Clergymen entitled to seats were not present at the sittings of the Convention:

The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, the Rev. Theodore Edson, the Rev. Sturges Gilbert.

The following Lay Delegates were not present at the sittings of the Convention:

John Hooper, Thomas Lewis, Reuben Curtis, Isaac Lum, George Veazie, Samuel Swett, Parker L. Hall, Jonathan Allen 2d, Thomas Needham, Nathaniel Witherell, John Dean, Moses Merrill, Edward S. Rand, Amos Lyon.

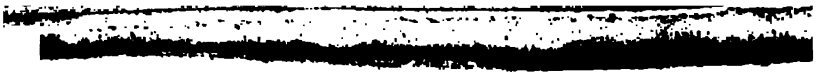
Churches from which no certificates of the appointment of Lay Delegates were received:

Trinity Church, Boston; St. Matthew's, Boston; St. Anne's Church, Lowell; St. Thomas' Church, Taunton; St. Mark's

Church, Blandford; St. James' Church, Great Barrington; St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough; Trinity Church, Lenox; Trinity Church, Montague; St. John's Church, Northampton; St. Paul's Church, Otis; ——— Church, Springfield; Mount Zion Church, Methuen; ——— Church, Southwick.

The following Clergymen were present at the sittings of the Convention, and admitted to honorary seats:

The Rev. Henry Blackaller, the Rev. Isaac Boyle, the Rev. John P. Fenner, the Rev. William T. Potter, the Rev. George F. Haskins, the Rev. Joseph H. Price, the Rev. George Shepherd, of Connecticut; The Rev. Henry Caswell, of Ohio, — also the Rev. Francis A. Foxcroft, the Rev. Daniel Leach, and the Rev. Stephen C. Millet, Deacons.



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Boston, Wednesday, June 19, 1833.

THIS being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the Annual Convention of the same, the Rt. Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, together with several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, assembled at 9 o'clock, A. M., at Trinity Church.

The Bishop having taken the Chair, the Convention came to order. The Secretary then called the list of the Clergy, when the following appeared and answered to their names:

The Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, the Rev. Edward Ballard, the Rev. Josiah M. Bartlett, the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, the Rev. Silas Blaisdale, the Rev. Henry Blackaller, the Rev. Isaac Boyle, the Rev. Thomas W. Coit, the Rev. William Croswell, the Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, the Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., the Rev. John P. Fenner, the Rev. Francis A. Foxcroft, the Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, the Rev. George F. Haskins, the Rev. Mark A. D'W. Howe, the Rev. Daniel Leach, the Rev. Stephen C. Millet, the Rev. James Morss, D. D., the Rev. Samuel McBurney, the Rev. Ephraim Munro, the Rev. Matthias Munro, the Rev. William T. Potter, the Rev. Joseph H. Price, the Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, the Rev. John S. Stone, the Rev. Titus Strong, the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, the Rev. Calvin Wolcott.—Total, 30.

The Lay Delegates then presented testimonials of their respective appointments. Whereupon it was on motion *Resolved*, That a Committee of four be appointed to examine the list of Clergy, and the Certificates of Lay Delegates, to ascertain who are entitled to seats in this Convention under the third article of the new Constitution.

The Rev. Mr. Baury, the Rev. Dr. Morss, Edward A. Newton, Esq. and Henry Codman, Esq., were appointed said Committee.

On motion, Resolved, That the Convention adjourn for Divine Service at 10 o'clock, and that business be resumed immediately after the same.

Morning service was then celebrated by the Rev. Mr. Wolcott of Hanover. The Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Goodwin of Wilkinsonville, from Philipp. i. 7.: *Even as it is meet for me to think thus of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the Gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.* The holy communion was administered by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Wolcott and Goodwin. After which the Convention re-assembled for business, and on motion proceeded to the choice of a Secretary. The Rev. Mr. Coit having declined a re-election, the Rev. Mr. Baury was chosen.

On motion, the Rev. Mr. Bartlett was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The Committee appointed to examine the list of the Clergy, and the Certificates of the Lay Delegates, with a view of ascertaining who were constitutionally members of this Convention, reported the names of the following Clergymen as entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, according to the third article of the Constitution:

The Rt. Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D.; the Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, the Rev. Edward Ballard, the Rev. Josiah M. Bartlett, the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, the Rev. Silas Blaisdale, the Rev Thomas W. Coit, the Rev. William Cros-

well, the Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, the Rev. G. C. V. Eastman, the Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., the Rev. Theodore Edson, the Rev. Sturges Gilbert, the Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, the Rev. James Morss, D. D., the Rev. Samuel McBurney, the Rev. Ephraim Munro, Deacon, the Rev. Matthias Munro, the Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, the Rev. John S. Stone, the Rev. Titus Strong, the Rev. Calvin Wolcott. — Total, 22.

Clergymen canonically resident in Massachusetts, but not supposed to come within the provision of the Constitution, were reported to be: the Rev. Darius Barker, Deacon, now officiating in the Diocese of Vermont; the Rev. Henry Blackaller, not having resided within this State for six months; the Rev. James Everett, and the Rev. John P. Fenner, both of the United States Navy, but not now employed in performing the duties of their station; the Rev. Francis A. Foxcroft, officiating in New Hampshire; the Rev. Mark A. D'W. Howe, Rector of a new parish not yet admitted into union with the Convention. The Rev. Daniel Leach, and the Rev. Stephen C. Millet, Deacons, not having been in holy orders six months; the Rev. Messrs. John L. Blake, Isaac Boyle, William T. Potter, Henry C. Knight, Joseph H. Price, and George F. Haskins, not regularly officiating in any parish; the case of the Rev. E. M. P. Wells was not understood by the Committee, — nor did it appear that the Rev. James C. Richmond, Deacon, had been canonically transferred to Massachusetts.

On an examination of the testimonials presented by the Lay Delegates of their appointments, the Committee find those from the following Churches to be in conformity to the requisitions of the Constitution, viz: — St. Peter's, Salem; St. John's, Ashfield; St. Paul's, Dedham; St. Stephen's, Pittsfield. The certificate from St. James' Church, Roxbury, the Committee also found to be in form, but that parish not entitled to a representation in this Convenion, until admitted into union with the same. — While from the following Churches the certificates are found to be irregular, viz: Christ Church, Boston;

St. Andrew's, Hanover; Christ's, Quincy; St. Paul's, Boston; St. Michael's, Marblehead; Trinity, Marshfield; Christ's, Cambridge; Trinity, Bridgewater; St. Paul's, Hopkinton; St. Paul's, Newburyport; Grace, Boston; St. Mary's, Newton; St. James', Greenfield; St. John's, Wilkinsonville.

The Committee therefore recommend that the alteration in the third article of the Constitution, proposed at the last Convention, authorising the parish clerk to sign certificates of the appointment of Lay Delegates, be now adopted, in order to admit those gentlemen presenting certificates thus signed, to seats, and a vote in this Convention.

On motion, Resolved that the report of the Committee be accepted.

The proposed amendment to the third article of the Constitution was then called for, and

On motion, it was Resolved to add in the third paragraph, after these words, 'a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the wardens,' the words following, to wit, 'or parish clerk.'

Whereupon the following Lay Delegates appeared and took their seats:

St. Paul's Church, Boston.—Edward Tuckerman, Stephen Codman, Henry Codman. *Christ Church, Boston.*—John Bacon, Frederick Clark, Henry H. Huggeford. *Grace Church, Boston.*—Benjamin Howard, Otis Daniell, Benjamin Hibbard. *St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.*—Samuel B. Russell. *St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.*—Abraham Chase, James Dudley. *Trinity Church, Marshfield.*—Luther Little, Church C. Trouont. *St. Peter's Church, Salem.*—John W. Treadwell, Ralph H. French. *St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.*—Edward A. Newton. *St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.* William Faris, Samuel Boardman. *St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.*—Joseph Walker. *St. Mary's Church, Newton.*—Ezra Warren, Caleb M. Stimson. *St. James' Church, Greenfield.*—David S. Stone. *Trinity Church, Bridgewater.*—Ephraim Sprague, George Hooker. *Christ Church, Cam-*

bridge.—Eliab W. Metcalf. *St. John's Church, Ashfield.*—Simeon Phillips. *Christ Church, Quincy.*—Zebediah Hollis, Eliphalet Smith. *St. Paul's Church, Dedham.*—Elisha Thayer, George D. Gordon. *St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.*—Ira Warren, Robert Curtis.—Total, 33.

Edward A. Newton, Esq. having laid before the Convention the evidence required by the fourth article of the Constitution,

On motion, it was Resolved to admit St. James Church, Roxbury, into union with this Convention. Whereupon the Rev. Mark A. D'W. Howe, Rector of said Church, Peter Wainwright, John Hall, and Otis Pierce, Esqs. Lay Delegates, appeared and were admitted to seats in this Convention.

On motion, the right of the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, and of the Rev. G. F. Haskins, to sit and vote in this Convention, was admitted.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Strong, Resolved that the rules of order, adopted by the last Convention, be continued, as the rules to be observed the present session.

On motion, Resolved, that when this Convention adjourn, it shall be to meet again in this church at 4 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq., the right of Rev. George F. Haskins, to a seat and vote in this Convention, was reconsidered. Whereupon it was Resolved, that the subject be referred to a Committee of three, with instructions to report at the afternoon session.

Edward A. Newton, Esq. Rev. John S. Stone, and John W. Treadwell, Esq. were appointed said Committee.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Strong, Resolved that visiting Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Candidates for Holy Orders, and members of our communion generally, desirous of attending the deliberations of the Convention, be admitted to honorary seats in the same.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

Trinity Church, 4 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to business: the Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold in the chair.

The Committee to whom was referred the right of the Rev. George F. Haskins, to a seat and vote in this Convention, reported that he was not constitutionally entitled to the same.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Morss, the report of the Committee was accepted.

On motion, the Secretary commenced and finished reading the parochial reports, as published in the Appendix.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq. the Convention proceeded to ballot for the Standing Committee.

On motion, Resolved that the vote be taken by orders. The Rev. Dr. Morss, the Rev. Mr. Shaw, and Edward A. Newton, Esq. were appointed a Committee to collect, count, and report the votes taken on this election.

Having attended to that duty, the Committee reported that the following gentlemen had a majority of votes, and were returned as duly elected: Of the Clergy, the Rev. Mr. Stone, and the Rev. Mr. Coit: of the Laity, Henry Codman, Esq., Edward H. Robbins, Esq. and John W. Treadwell, Esq.

The place of one clerical member of the Standing Committee being unsupplied, the Convention proceeded to a second ballot.

The same Committee acted as tellers, who reported the clerical votes to be nine for the Rev. Dr. Morss, and nine for the Rev. Mr. Edson. There appearing still to be no choice, the Convention proceeded to a third ballot. The Committee then reported the clerical votes to be nine for the Rev. Mr. Edson, and ten for the Rev. Dr. Morss: the lay votes to be eight for the Rev. Mr. Edson, and nine for the Rev. Dr. Morss. The Rev. Dr. Morss, was accordingly returned as duly elected.

On motion of John W. Treadwell, Esq. Resolved that a

Committee of three be appointed to inquire into, and report the condition of the fund for the support of the Episcopate in Massachusetts. Whereupon John W. Treadwell, Esq. Edward Tuckerman, Esq. and the Rev. John S. Stone, were appointed said Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Strong proposed that the ninth article of the Constitution be so altered that after the word Convention, the following be inserted; 'and by consent of two thirds of each order represented in the same.'

The delegates from St. Peter's Church, Salem, and St. Paul's Church, Dedham, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong, Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to determine the time and place for the meeting of the next Convention. The Rev. Mr. Strong, Edward A. Newton, Esq. and Rev. John S. Stone, were appointed said Committee.

On motion, Resolved, that when this Convention adjourn, it shall meet in this place to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Bishop then laid before the Convention, a letter addressed to the Rev. Mr. Leach, by Mr. Charles C. C. Mower, of Northampton, on the state of the church in that town.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

Trinity Church, Thursday morning, 9 o'clock.

The Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment: the Rt. Rev. the Bishop in the chair. After the calling of the roll by the Secretary, the President declared the Convention open for business.

The Committee on the time and the place for the next Annual Convention to assemble, reported St. John's Church, Northampton, as the place, and the third Wednesday of June, at 9 o'clock, A. M., as the time of meeting.

On motion, Resolved that this report be accepted.

The Convention then adjourned to attend Divine Service, which was celebrated according to the first rule of order by the Rev. Mr. Shaw, of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough. After which the Convention re-assembled for business.

The Secretary informed the Convention that their Treasurer, William Parker, Esq., had forwarded his account for the year last past, to be laid before them, and that he declined a re-election to that office.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong, Resolved that the Convention proceed to elect a Treasurer. A Committee was appointed to collect and count the votes, who having attended to that duty, the Rev. Isaac Boyle was declared to be unanimously elected Treasurer of the Convention for the year ensuing.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq., it was Resolved unanimously, to request the Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold to open the session of the next Annual Convention with a sermon.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq. 'Resolved, that it be the duty of every Clergyman connected with this diocese, with the consent of his parish, if he have one, to hold himself at the disposal of the Bishop two Sundays in every year, to be sent to officiate in some parish where there is no settled minister. One half of his necessary expenses being paid by the Episcopal Missionary Society of the State, and the other half by the parish, to which he may be sent, unless such parish will defray the whole expense.'

The Committee on the subject of the fund for the support of the Episcopate, made a report, which was ordered to be put upon file.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong, Resolved that the Bishop be requested to set forth a form of prayer to be used in our Churches with reference to the disease called the cholera.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stone, Resolved that the Convention now proceed to consider, and act upon the several

amendments to the Constitution of the Church in this Commonwealth, which were proposed at the last Convention. After some debate, it was resolved unanimously to adopt all the proposed alterations of the Constitution with the exception of two, which are as follows, — in article third, to strike out 'actually as well as' in the clause 'actually as well as canonically resident,' &c.; also, to strike out in the same sentence, 'and have for the same period been employed in the duties of his station;' — which alterations were not adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong, it was Resolved that these several amendments which have now been adopted, are hereby declared to be a part of the Constitution. The Constitution thus amended, was then read by the Secretary.

On motion, Resolved, to add in the third article of the Constitution, after the words 'employed in performing the duties of his station,' the following words, 'or have been canonically instituted.'

On motion, Resolved that the consideration of the proposed canons be indefinitely postponed.

The Rev. Mr. Eastman of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, and Joseph Walker, Esq. a delegate from St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Coit, Resolved that the following alteration in the Constitution of the Church in this Commonwealth, be entered upon the Journal, to be acted upon at the next Convention: insert in article third, last paragraph after the words 'before his,' the words 'or their.'

On motion, Resolved that Mr. Benjamin Howard be appointed to audit the account of the late Treasurer, and that his report be made to the Secretary.

On motion, Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed to nominate Delegates to the General Convention. Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Stone and Edward A. Newton Esq. were chosen.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS ESTABLISHED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1830.

Church	Place.	Minister.	Baptisms.		Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday School. *	Bible Class. *	Missionary Societies.	Missionary Contributions.
			Infants.	Adults	Added.	Died or removed.	Present number.							

N. B. It is expected, that the Clergyman make such observations, as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish, and of his ministerial services, during the past year.

* Under these heads, it is desirable that the number of members should be stated.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

Baptisms, Infants, 19; Adults, 2. — Communicants, added, 29; died or removed, 21; present number, 220. – Confirmed, 24. — Marriages, 6. — Burials, 21. — Sunday School, 129 pupils, 28 teachers; average attendance, about 80. — Missionary Societies, 2. — Missionary contributions, uncertain; between $600 and $1000.

The spiritual condition of this parish may be considered as prosperous. — Although the number of additions to the communion during the past year has not been great, yet those added have given, and still give, evidence of that great spiritual change, without which none can enter into the kingdom of heaven: — while, among the members in general of the communion, true religion appears to sustain an encouraging growth. In the *Sunday School*, one instance has occurred of a decidedly hopeful religious change; while in a few others, serious and salutary impressions have been made. On *the subject of confirmation*, the Rector has felt it his duty to decline recommending to the Bishop for that rite, any but those who were prepared to make a credible profession of true repentance towards God, and a living faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ; and he has the happiness of knowing, that of those who were confirmed at the late visitation of the Bishop, all but *two* are now regular and exemplary communicants of the Church. — In the subject of *educating indigent, but pious young men of talents*, the Rector has felt a deep interest; and has now the pleasure of announcing, that for the promotion of this object, ten scholarships have been raised, of $75 each, per annum; and that thus provision has been made for educating, so soon as the scholarships shall be filled with beneficiaries, ten youth of promise to the Church; and after them a succession of that number, so long as a kind Providence shall enable the present donors of the scholarships to continue their annual benefactions. This result he regards as highly auspicious to the cause of religion in the Church; and prays God to accept and crown with his blessing these pious efforts of his people for the salvation of souls.

JOHN S. STONE, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Boston.

Baptisms, Infants, 21; Adults, 1. — Communicants, added, 14; died or removed, 29; present number, 147. — Marriages, 9. — Burials, 19. — Sunday School, teachers, 18, scholars, 270. — 1 Missionary Society. — Missionary contributions, $210.

Since the last report, a subscription commenced by the late Thomas Clark, Esq. for the discharge of the debt of the Church, has been happily completed. Of $6,600, requisite for this purpose, the munificent donation of *one thousand* dollars from one individual, and the generous bequest of *five hundred* dollars from another, is gratefully acknowledged. About $500 more were contributed by friends in the city, and the residue has been raised entirely within the parish. Three thousand dollars have been accepted by the late Rector, in lieu of a life-annuity of five hundred dollars; and the remainder has been appropriated to the extinction of other pecuniary liabilities. — With this gratifying change in the temporal prospects of the parish, there are indications of a more important change, in the increase of the congregation, and, it is hoped, in an increase of sensibility to their spiritual interests.

William Croswell, *Rector.*

Grace Church, Boston.

Baptisms, Children, 21; Adults, 2. — Communicants, added, 23; died, 2; present number, 55. — Confirmed, 10. — Marriages, 3. — Burials, 5. — Sunday School, 80. — Missionary &c. contributions of a general character, $494 70 cts.

There is no Bible Class, strictly so called, in this parish. From an early period of the present minister's connexion with the parish, there has been a weekly meeting on Friday evening, for social worship, and explaining scripture. At this meeting there have been present from fifteen to thirty persons, — sometimes more. In this parish there is no regularly organized Missionary Society. There has been, however, a regular missionary meeting on the first Monday of every month, in connexion with members of St. Paul's Church, at which meeting contributions have been made for missionary purposes, — beside the sum already specified under the head of 'Missionary &c. contributions.'

The congregation of Grace Church continue to worship in the Chapel in Bedford street. No measures have yet been adopted for the erection of a Church edifice. The number of worshippers has increased within the past year. There are probably from a hundred and twenty to a hundred and fifty or sixty persons who attend public worship, — of which number fifty-five are communi-

cants. The general character of this congregation is that of a devout and attentive people, willing to receive God's word with meekness and pure affection. The parish, however, can hardly be considered as on a sure footing, or expected greatly to increase in numbers, until they have a place of worship of their own. In order to effect this with as little delay as possible, it is thought necessary the congregation should have the services of a clergyman of more experience than the present minister. A vote has been passed in parish meeting to that effect. It has likewise been referred to the wardens and vestry to take measures for procuring such a clergyman. The present minister has declined entering into any new engagement with the parish, as being inconsistent with the object they have in view; and his connexion with them will accordingly cease at the close of the year for which he was engaged; that is, on the third Sunday in July next. It is to be hoped that this parish will quickly be supplied with the services of such a clergyman as, in its peculiar circumstances, will, as far as possible, remove all cause of delay in the erection of a new Church, and who will 'be likely effectually to discharge the duties devolving on him.'

The present minister fears that he greatly erred in consenting to take upon him, at his first admission to sacred orders, a charge, for which it is thought 'none but a clergyman of several years experience in the ministry, can be sufficiently qualified.' It is to be hoped this error will be repaired by the immediate selection of a suitable clergyman, — in which measure the present minister of Grace Church heartily co-operates, and earnestly prays it may be speedily effected.

SAMUEL MCBURNEY, *Minister.*

Episcopal Missionary Chapel, Boston.

Baptisms, Infants, 20; Adults, 11. — Communicants, added, 10; died or removed, 20; present number, 100. — Marriages, 24. — Burials, 19. — Sunday School, 1.

The Chapel has been well attended during the year. There is reason to believe that many more would attend, had we a larger building, and suitable accommodations for public worship. The same seriousness and propriety of deportment continue to be evinced by the congregation, which have characterized it from the commencement of the Mission. Our Sunday School has been less prosperous than formerly, owing principally, it is believed, to a deficiency in the number of teachers. Fifty new scholars have been admitted during the year. Forty-five boys, and fifty-five girls still belong to the school. The average attendance has been about fifty. The experience of another year

has added to the conviction that few situations present a more extensive field for ministerial usefulness than the City Mission.

ASA EATON, *Missionary.*

House of Reformation Chapel, South Boston.

I have continued to officiate as Chaplain and Superintendent of the House of Reformation till the 6th inst. as usual. — By the consent of the Bishop, I have accepted of the chaplaincy and superintendency of the Boston Farm School. We commenced operation on Easter Monday; but as I was requested to retain my situation at the House of Reformation, I held worship in the Chapel of the House of Reformation for both institutions till the first Sunday after Trinity, when we commenced the regular and permanent services of our Church at the Farm School on Thompson's Island.

At the House of Reformation, I have baptised 4 adults. Our communicants have been 20. Our Sunday School has continued much as reported last year. Our Missionary contributions, $170. We have had a lecture every Wednesday evening. During Lent, morning and evening prayer in the Chapel on Wednesdays and Fridays, with sermon; and every day during Passion Week.

E. M. P. WELLS.

ESSEX COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Baptisms, Children, 20; Adults, 1. — Communicants, added, 14; died or removed, 14; present number, 85. — Marriages, 9. — Burials, 14. — Sunday School, 90. — Missionary Societies, 3. — Missionary contirbutions, $84.

This Church is considered as having enjoyed increased prosperity during the last year. Every pew is occupied, and new applications are frequently made. — A new and beautiful organ has been purchased and set up during the year, constructed and built by an ingenious artist in this town. The parish has contributed upwards of two hundred dollars to missionary and other benevolent purposes, viz. For the relief of the inhabitants of the Cape de Verd islands $50 60 cents; Female Asylum $15; Howard Benevolent Society $20 75 cents; Christmas collection for the poor $42 41 cents; Easter collection for destitute Churches, $22 50 cents; Missionary Society, Foreign and Domestic and Massachusetts Missionary Society $42; Female Beneficent and Missionary Society, $20. In addition to the above, there have been raised in this town, (at a fair) upwards of $600, to be applied by our Missionaries to the purpose of education in

Greece — in which object, the females of the Episcopal Church took an active, and (it may be justly said,) a leading part.

The Wednesday evening lectures have been continued with few interruptions through the past year, which may be regarded in the light of a Bible Class, as the explanation of the New Testament in order is the subject of them, and they are generally well attended. The Sunday School after divine service in the afternoon, is also continued, and is in a flourishing condition.

JAMES MORSE, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Baptised, Children, 11; Adults, 3. — Burials, 13. — Marriages, 3. — Communicants, added, 13; present number, about 70. — Sunday School, teachers, 18; scholars, 70. — Several communicants have removed from Salem.

The congregation, though it has lost a considerable number by removals, is still gradually increasing.

The Diocesan Convention made some provision for an assistant minister in Salem; and about the middle of November last, the Rev. James C. Richmond was accordingly engaged; but so urgent are the calls for missionary labors, that he has been, a great part of the time, absent on missionary duties. He has now gone to the State of Maine, where he may continue, till we can send some one to take his place.

I returned so late from my journey to the East, that I have not been able to ascertain the amount of missionary contributions.

The parish of St. Peter's Church, encouraged by the liberal aid of some pious friends in Boston and other places, have commenced the work of building a new house of public worship. From the union and zeal which they have shown in this undertaking, we have reason to hope, through the blessing of God, that they will bring it to good effect.

ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD, *Rector.*

Mount Zion Church, Methuen.

I went to Methuen Sept. 30, 1832, and left in the week after Easter, my stay there being nearly six months and a half. During this time my official services were as follows:

Baptised, 15; viz. 2 Adults and 13 youths and infants. — Married, 1. — Buried, 1. — Candidates for Confirmation, 4, two since removed from town. — Sunday School during the warm months. — Bible Class, whole number 47, average number from 15 to 30. — Lord's Supper administered 4 times — 3 Communicants added. — Preaching on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Fast

days. — Eight Lectures in two other wards, as a third service, and one in my own on a week-day evening. — Addressed the Sunday School children in two wards.

At the first administration of the Lord's Supper, the Rev. Mr. Edson of Lowell was present and officiated. With this exception, the other offices were the first, according to the ritual of our Church, ever witnessed in Methuen.

May the Lord build up the walls of Zion.

HENRY C. KNIGHT.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Baptisms, Infants, 3; Adults, 1. — Confirmed, 13. — Added to communion, 13; removed, 2; present number of Communicants, 42. — Sunday School, scholars, 50; teachers, 12; — Missionary Societies, 1. — Missionary contributions, $31.

Since this Church was opened, under the auspices of the Missionary Society, a change has taken place in its condition, highly gratifying to its friends. The old edifice erected one hundred and eighteen years ago, by the unaided exertions of the parish, has been thoroughly repaired, and a new organ purchased. The whole expense to which this parish have submitted for repairing and rendering comfortable and attractive the ancient Church, amounts to nearly $3000. Love for the Church, characterises every individual member, and unites them all in the bond of peace. With one mind they have undertaken and completed a work creditable alike to their feelings as Christians and as Churchmen. They are now free from agitating fears, tha the cherished fire upon the altar, will again be quenched. The present Minister, who commenced his labors among them about ten months since, cannot refrain from rendering thanks to Almighty God for having placed him nearly at the commencement of his ministry, in a part of his vineyard where he has been edified by so many examples of devotion to the Great Head of the Church, and so promptly seconded in all his efforts by the co-operation of an undivided Church. Our Sunday School is in a flourishing state. The interest of scholars, teachers, and parents in it is believed to be constantly increasing. By the liberality of a few individuals, 150 volumes have recently been added it its library. In addition to the regular services on Sunday, there has been a lecture on Tuesday evenings. To present in full the altered condition of this ancient parish would transcend the proper length of a report. Under the same smiles of the Great Shepherd of souls, it my be confidently hoped their progress will continue to be onward, and that their present prosperity will animate them to still greater struggles, to promote the glory of Him, who

leadeth them, who truly love him into green pastures, and extends to them his favor, which is life, and a loving kindness, which is better than life.

G. C. V. Eastman, *Minister.*

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

Owing to a want of stated ministrations of the Gospel, and to other circumstances, this parish has never been in a flourishing condition. Its prospects, however, have improved within the past year, and its friends are encouraged to hope that it will yet, under the blessing of God, hold a respectable standing among the Churches of our communion. The undersigned has officiated among this people for little more than a year, during which time, he has been received by them with kindness, and invited to become their Rector. A small Sunday School has been recently organized. There have been two infants baptized, and one marriage solemnized. The stated congregation, although small at present, is gradually increasing. Among other measures for promoting the interest of this Church, an association of females has been formed, who devote an afternoon every fortnight to some useful and productive purpose. The proceeds of their industry during the past year, have amounted to between twenty and thirty dollars. It is believed that should the same encouragement be extended by the Missionary Society to this, that has been extended to some other feeble parishes, the pecuniary assistance given would in due time be returned, and much good be effected.

Ephraim Monroe, *Minister.*

Christ Church, Cambridge.

Baptisms, Children 5. — Confirmed, 7. — Communicants, added, 11; died or removed, 12; present number, 37. — Missionary contributions, $31. The parish contribute $30 annually towards the support of the Bishop. No report having been made at the last Convention, the above statements are given for the last two years. Of the number of communicants removed, three are now ministers in the Church.

Early in September last, the present minister entered into an engagement with the Rector of this Church to take charge of the parish during the period of his absence for the recovery of his health. On the return of the Rector in the spring, he was invit-

ed by the Trustees of the Green Foundation to serve at present as assistant minister of Trinity Church, Boston,—which invitation he, with the consent of the proprietors of Christ Church, accepted. In consequence of this arrangement, the present occupant was requested by the vestry and proprietors of the Church at Cambridge to continue with them as their minister, and was soon after admitted to the order of Priests. Among the worshippers at this Church, as has usually been the case, are several young men who are pursuing their studies at the University. The present number of under-graduates who attend the services of the Church, is twenty-seven: of whom three are communicants. A small Sunday School still exists in the parish.

JOSIAH M. BARTLETT, *Minister.*

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

Baptisms, Infants, 36; Adults, 8. — Communicants, added, 13; died or removed, 7; present number, 77. — Burials, 16. — Sunday School Scholars, 200. — Bible Class, 30. — Missionary Societies 2. — Missionary contributions, $150.

The ministerial services of the Rector have been chiefly limited to this parish. A good deal of pastoral attention has seemed to be requisite, though there has been less apparent effect than could have been wished. The condition of the congregation does not appear to be improved either in regard to numbers or piety.

The Sunday School retains its number, and a few very devoted teachers have given themselves to the work with great fidelity. To their pious and persevering labors under God, we owe the hopeful state, if not the continued existence of the school. In the congregation there seems to be a growing indifference to this work and lobor of love. It is feared that the community at large are giving less attention than heretofore to Sunday Schools. When will our own communion, more especially the gentlemen, young and old, feel that this is a work of benevolence which demands the active co-operation of all who would approve themselves the true followers of Christ.

The Rector attends the School each Sunday, both forenoon and afternoon; also a teacher's meeting, and three Bible Class exercises every week. A monthly Missionary meeting is held by the ladies. Agreeably to usage in years previous, public service was held in the Church on all the Fridays in Lent. And a catechising of the children of the congregation every Saturday during that holy season. On Ash Wednesday, Christmas day and

on the Fasts and Thanksgiving appointed by civil authority. Also every Friday before communion there have been services and sermons in Church. The regular services of Sunday have been performed without failure through the year. And the stated exercises of the Sunday School have not been interrupted. The Rector has preached several times, and administered the holy communion once, in Methuen. On such occasions he has had assistance from his Rev. brethren in supplying St. Anne's Church. We humbly pray and hope that God will give his blessing to the means of grace.

THEODORE EDSON, *Rector.*

St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls.

Baptisms, Infants, 12 — Communicants, added, 7; removed, 3; present number, 71. — Confirmed, 6. — Marriages, 3. — Burials, 8. — Bible Class, 20. — Sunday School scholars, 80. — Missionary Societies, 2. — Missionary contributions, $85.

This parish continues in a state of progressive improvement. Harmony characterizes its proceedings, and an increasing interest is evinced in the concerns of our Church affairs generally. The temporal, and what is of incomparably more importance, the spiritual state of our congregation, since the last report to the Convention, induces a belief, that the word and ordinances have not been dispensed in vain. Although there certainly is too great a deficiency of zeal for religion, as well as of attention to practical duties, among us; yet, there is every reason to bless the Lord, for what he has already done; and to confirm the assurance, that if faithful to our Divine Master and his cause, he will continue to refresh us with the dew of his blessing.

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Rector.*

NORFOLK COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

Baptisms, Infants, 4; Adults, 1. — Communicants, added, 5; died or removed, 1; present number, 38. — Confirmed, 2. — Marriages, 1. — Burials, 2. — Sunday School, 1. — Missionary Societies, 2. — Missionary contributions, $50.

Congregation — few in number, but constant in attendance, and manifest a desire to receive the Gospel as delivered in our Saviour's day.

State of Funds — at present, embarrassed; but it is hoped before the lapse of another year, the debts of the Society will be nearly or wholly liquidated.

Extra Services — the Church has been opened on repeated occasions, besides the regular services of the Sabbath, and a full attendance has been the almost unvarying result.

Brotherly Love — prevails to a good extent through all the members of the Church. Of the deep-settled piety of some of our number, there can be no reasonable question; that many keep back from the living water, is but too true with us, as with others.

S. B. Babcock, *Minister.*

Christ Church, Quincy.

Baptisms, Infants, 11; Adults, 2. — Communicants, 3 have died, 10 have removed, 46 remaining. — Marriages, 3. — Burials, 5.

E. Smith, *Warden.*

St. James' Church, Roxbury.

Baptisms, Infants, 3. — Communicants, 40. — Confirmed, 11. — Marriage, 1. — Burials, 2. — Sunday School has 104 scholars, 10 teachers. — Ladies sewing circle, devoted to charitable objects, has 26 members. — Easter collection, $14.

As this Church had, at the last meeting of the Convention, been recently organized, no parochial report was submitted. This fact, together with my being its first Rector, renders me unable to present an account of its increase during the whole conventional year. Twelve have been added to its communion since my settlement, in November last. Our Sunday School comprises among its members, about 60 children of German emigrants, whom, with praise-worthy zeal, the ladies of our sewing circle, on its first organization, clothed comfortably, and brought into our school. In the exercise of the same charity, they are now providing them with suitable summer attire. These labors of love, interesting and arduous as they have been, were but an introduction to the more difficult task of instructing them. The greater part, in the first instance, knew not even the alphabet; — now, many, having attended no other school, are able to read with facility, and commit to memory portions of the Bible. It is in contemplation to occupy the whole time of morning and afternoon service in their instruction; the present small accommodations of our Society rendering it impossible for us to afford them seats in Church. Several of our teachers have generously offered to engage in this self-denying work; and have procured a room for their reception. The Ladies' sewing circle, whose operations have been partially reported, have, besides, earned $65, which,

with the future gains of the current year, will be appropriated to furnishing the Church edifice which the Society are now building. This is to be a Gothic, stone structure, about 75 feet in length, by 50 in width. We hope for its completion before the commencement of winter. While our Church is thus prospering in her external condition, we hope and pray that by the influences of God's Holy Spirit, she may be endowed with those richer blessings of his grace, which alone can make her 'all glorious *within!*'

MARK A. D'W. HOWE, *Rector.*

BRISTOL COUNTY.

St. Thomas' Church, Taunton.

Baptisms, Infants, 13; Adults, 1. — Communicants, added, 5; removed, 5; by death, 1; present number, 26. — Confirmed, 9. — Marriages, 5. — Burials, 5. — Sunday School exceeds 100. — Missionary contributions, $25.

The present incumbent was instituted in May last; since which, in addition to the services of the Sabbath, his time has been occupied chiefly in visiting the members of the parish, and inciting them to a deep interest in the Sabbath School. In this employment he has been highly gratified to witness the esteem and affection which are entertained for his respected predecessor.

He might add also, as a circumstance of deep interest to himself, that the harmony and seriousness which prevail throughout the parish, afford the most cheering hopes of extensive good to our beloved Zion.

HENRY BLACKALLER, *Rector.*

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

Baptisms, Children, 1. — Communicants, added, 1; died or removed, 4; present number, 42. — Marriages, 8. — Burials, 10. — Sunday School, 80. — Bible Class, 15. — Missionary Society, 1. — Missionary contributions, $30.

There is no material alteration in this parish since my last report. Our Sunday School was never more flourishing; and there is a growing attention to the services of the Church. Notwithstanding the population of Hanover is rather decreasing, and many of our people go abroad for business; yet ordinarily our congregation is as large as at any former period.

C. WOLCOTT, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Marshfield.

The state of this parish is interesting and improving— number of Familes, 30. — Communicants, 18. — Baptisms, Infants, 2.

I preach here the last Sabbath in every month, and hold a lecture every other week; the Church is usually well filled.

CALVIN WOLCOTT, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

Baptisms, Infants, 2. — Communicants, added, 4; died or removed, 3; present number, 33. — Marriages, 3. — Burials, 10. — Missionary contributions, about $14. The Sunday School and Bible Class remain nearly as formerly reported. No very material change has taken place in this parish during the year past, nor is any of much importance as it respects its growth, and temporal prosperity to be anticipated, until we have, either a new Church edifice, or the old one enlarged, — as the seats have all been occupied in our present building for some considerable time.

Besides the regular services performed in this Church morning and evening, I have held a third service in the neighborhood of the Paper-Mills every other Sunday evening, and have taken my turn, with the other Clergy of this place, in preaching the Gospel to the *poor*, at the Asylum provided for them by the town. I have also attended occasional meetings in various parts of the parish.

In my last report, I solicited Missionary aid for this parish,— none however has been received from this State, excepting a contribution of $75, very kindly made by the members of St. Paul's Church in this city, and presented by their beloved Pastor; for which, may that God who hath graciously annexed a blessing to the giving of a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, abundantly reward and bless them. We still need assistance, and humbly hope that our appeal to our more highly favored brethren, and to the Missionary Society of this State in particular, will not be made in vain. The members of this parish are in hopes, by great exertion, to raise about $300 this present year, — which is considerably more than they have ever yet done. Like most of our small parishes, (where there is no fund) the burden of raising money for the support of the Gospel, falls chiefly on a very few. But I trust a parish so flourishing, and especially, so deeply interesting, in a religious point of view, will not in a Christian community like ours, be allowed to lan-

guish and die, for want of a *little* pecuniary aid, and that (we trust) only for a *little* while.

MATTHIAS MUNRO, *Rector.*

WORCESTER COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville, (Sutton.)

Baptisms, Infants, 6; Adults, 5. — Communicants, added, 5; present number, 24; Confirmed, 11. — Marriages, 8. — Burials, 4. — Missionary contributions, $13.

There has been no considerable change in the condition of th isSociety during the past year. The Divine blessing has not been wholly withheld from us. Some who are not yet communicants appear to be profiting by the ministry of the word; and among those who are united together in the fellowship of Christ's flock, there is apparently an increase of grace, and a commmendable degree of fruitfulness in good works. Attachment to the Church is more confirmed in those who study their spiritual improvement, and prejudice against it, where it has existed, appears to be much diminished. The members of the Society are harmoniously united, and contribute generously for its support.

D. L. B. GOODWIN, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Clappville, (South Leicester.)

Baptisms, Infants, 11; Adults, 3. — Communicants, added, 11; died or removed, 10; present number, 45. — Confirmed, 15. — Burials, 8. — Sunday School scholars, 60. — Bible Class, 20. — Missionary Societies, 1. — Missionary contributions, $15.

I have officiated at Clappville since the fifteenth of March. The number of Sunday School scholars is about sixty; average attendance, fifty-five. We have one Missionary Society, whose contributions, together with the Easter collections, amount to $20. In addition to the services on Sunday, there is a lecture on Wednesday evening, which is well attended. The state of the Society, so far as it regards attendance on public worship, and attention to the service of the Church, is as interesting as could be expected. The attendance on public worship, for the few last Sundays especially, has been very gratifying.

STEPHEN C. MILLETT, *Minister.*

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

This Church is at present in a low and discouraging state, owing in a great measure to the want of regular and stated ministrations. The friends of the Church in this place are contributing, and are willing to contribute to the support of a clergyman, as much, according to their means, as any Church in the diocese. One man, a mechanic, who, eight years ago, came to Northampton, with only eight dollars, has now about fifteen hundred dollars invested in the Church, for which he receives no interest; and has pledged himself to contribute $50 annually to the support of a minister. Should the Church be established, at Northampton, it would undoubtedly exert a very great and salutary influence throughout the Connecticut valley. The number of families attending the Church is between twenty and thirty. A Sunday School has been organized, of twenty scholars, a Bible Class of twenty-five, and a Female Missionary or Sewing Society of twenty-five members. It is now for the friends of the Church to say whether St. John's Church shall be sustained or not.

DANIEL LEACH, *officiating at Northampton.*

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

St. James' Church, Greenfield.

Baptisms, Infants, 7; Adults, 2. — Communicants, added, 5; present number, 66. — Confirmations, 10. — Marriages, 8. — Burials, 11. — Sunday Scholars, 65. — Missionary Society, 1. — Missionary contributions, $30.

In making this, his twentieth annual report, the Rector has occasion to bless God for his goodness, in having sustained him and his parish for so many years, through the various trials and dangers to which they have been subjected. The peculiar disadvantages attending the establishment of an Episcopal Society in the midst of a community to which the forms and institutions of our Church were almost wholly unknown, have been fully experienced; the various kinds of opposition to which, in all places, we are more or less exposed, have been thoroughly encountered, and we have abundant reason to magnify the mercy and protecting care which have, under every fortune, shielded and delivered us from harm.

During the period of the subscriber's Rectorship, by deaths and removals, nearly his entire congregation has been changed. The families and communicants now belonging to the parish, have with but few exceptions, been added since the period of his institution; his Society has, apparently, never been more prosperous than at present; and he may well say of it, that while strife and division are on every side of us, it is a city in unity to itself. It is worthy of remark, that since the organization of this parish, although it was then alone in this part of the country, five Episcopal Societies have been established within its neighborhood; all of which are now enjoying the services of faithful and devoted ministers.

The comparative prosperity of this parish may be determined from the fact, that in a town containing only 1500 inhabitants, and where there are four regular religious societies, we have 66 communicants, and nearly that number of families.

T. STRONG, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

Baptisms, Infants, 2. — Communicants, added, 1; present number, 36. — Confirmed, 11. — Burials, 4. — Sunday School, 20. — Missionary contributions, $7.

The number of families that take pews in Church, is about *forty-five.* The parish is slowly increasing. The amount of salary attempted to be raised for the support of their minister is *two hundred and fifty dollars.* But the hopes of the friends of the Church in Ashfield must be disappointed, unless *such missionary aid* can be obtained as will enable a clergyman to reside among them.

SILAS BLAISDALE, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Montague.

During the past year, I have, as Rector of Trinity Church, Montague, baptized 2 infants. The present number of communicants in this Church is 9. Ministerial labors in that period have been occasional, till the second Sunday of April, when they became regular. According to the present arrangement, divine service will be held by the officiating Rector on forty Sundays in the year, one Sunday in each month being excepted, on which there are other ministrations. The subscription towards the support of the ministry for the ensuing year is about seventy dollars, and may be somewhat enlarged. The members of the parish are punctual in their attendance on the services of the

Church, appear devoutly to engage in them, and duly to appreciate its privileges; to cherish a spirit of harmony and mutual love, and to listen to their duty with honest hearts, in order to practise it. This is with them the day of small things; but it is confidently trusted that they will advance, and that, in their individual and christian relations, the Lord will lift upon them the light of his countenance, and abundantly bless them.

RODOLPHUS DICKINSON, *Minister.*

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

Families 35. — Communicants, 43. — Baptisms, 8. — Confirmed, 5. — Burials, 3. This parish has been deprived of the regular ministrations of the Church since the month of December last, when the Rev. B. C. C. Parker, who for a number of years had taken charge of its concerns, removed to a more promising field of labor in Woodstock, Vt. At the time of his leaving this connexion, the Society addressed to him a very kind and gratifying letter, in which they bore ample testimony to his self-denial and labors for their good. This parish is now extremely anxious to secure the services of a clergyman, who may encourage those who remain steadfast in their attachment, and to invite others to an acquaintance with our venerable institutions.

In the month of February, the Berkshire Episcopal Society for the promotion of Christian Knowledge, held its first meeting for the purpose of effecting an organization. The day was most inclement. The association however was formed, and public service was held agreeably to notice. It is trusted that much benefit will result from this union of the Episcopalians in the county.

RICHARD PARKER,
JERAD BRADLEY, } *Wardens.*

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

Baptisms, Infants, 5. — Communicants, added, 4; removed, 2; present number, 52. — Confirmed, 8. — Marriages, 2. — Burials, 6. — Sunday School Scholars, 40. — Bible Class, 1. — Missionary Society, 1. — Missionary contributions, $10.

The Rector of this Church has reason to believe that its affairs, both temporal and spiritual, are in a state of progressive improvement. When it is considered that from a long series of adverse circumstances, it had well nigh ceased to exist, that con-

stant removals had left few except the aged to lament its fallen condition ; when, moreover, it is borne in mind that there are less than twelve hundred inhabitants in town, and two other flourishing churches near our own ; when these facts are remembered in connexion with the very respectable and large congregation which now assembles for divine worship, and the interest taken in all things which concern religion and the Church, we can but acknowledge the interposition of Providential aid in our behalf, and rejoice that hitherto the Lord hath blessed us.

During the past year the parish has raised large sums of money for extra incidental expenses. A school has been supported six months for the improvement of our Church music, which has had the most happy effect.

A large two-story stone building has been erected, mostly by our congregation, for free schools and a lecture room. The Church edifice has been very much improved by throwing back the front gallery into the upper porch, and raising the seats.

The ladies have lately organized a society for charitable and religious purposes, to be supported by the avails of their own industry, which promises, from the number and zeal of its members, much good. They have lately presented the Rector with an elegant gown, and set apart a sum for the benefit of the Sunday School Library.

Although this Church can never become very large unless it should swallow up surrounding societies, which is not probable, still it bids fair to hold a respectable rank among its sister Churches, and I trust will not be slothful or inactive in the service of the Lord.

SAMUEL B. SHAW, *Rector.*

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

Baptisms, Infants, 19 ; Adults, 2. — Communicants, added, 11 ; died or removed, 5 ; present number, 36. — Confirmed, 23. — Marriages, 3. — Burials, 4. — Sunday School, 60. — Missionary contributions, $301 95.

The unusual prosperity of this Church still continues to gladden the hearts of its friends, and to encourage its members to united and cheerful exertion for its increase and support. The prayers of His people have ascended to the throne of the Lord of Hosts, and He has sent a gracious answer in rewarding their labors with abundant fruit. The prejudice once entertained against our institutions has rapidly abated, and some persons, who formerly regarded them with dislike, are now numbered among their firmest advocates.

Since the last Convention, a beautiful and commodious Gothic edifice of dark colored-stone has been completed, with buttresses at the sides and angles, and a projecting tower. The neatness, convenience and becoming propriety of this structure, have secured the approval and admiration of every beholder. The expense attending its erection has been *entirely* defrayed. On the seventh day of last December, this Church was set apart for the worship of Almighty God, according to our established usages, in the solemn act of Consecration, performed by the Bishop of the Diocese. On the occasion of this visit, the Bishop spent three days in the parish, during which he preached eight times, and administered the holy rite of Confirmation to twenty-three persons, of whom the greater part are now members of the communion. Although on most of these services the weather was unfavorable, the congregations were large, and sometimes crowded, and were uniformly delighted with the judicious and attractive illustrations of scriptural truth, given by the venerable prelate. This prolonged visit was of the greatest utility to the new Society, in imparting to it an impulse by which it will be long benefited, and without which it might never have proceeded under similar prosperous circumstances.

Soon after the Consecration, the sittings were disposed of by sale and rents, and at the time and subsequently all the slips but two have been taken. The arrangements of this disposal are such as to secure the annual payment of the rents with great punctuality. In addition to this source of parochial income, provision has been made for the constant supply of such deficiencies as may occur in other means. One individual of the congregation, whose influence is extensively exerted through the Church generally, after having sustained the largest part of the expense incurred in the erection of the edifice, has generously made a grant of four thousand dollars, to be held in trust by the Trustees of Donations, for a permanent fund in support of the ministrations of the gospel agreeably to the order of the Episcopal Church. *

The Sunday School, which has always been an important auxiliary to the welfare of the congregation, and especially in its incipient state, has lately been re-organized for the summer. It embraces 60 scholars, with a suitable number of competent teachers, and holds out the promise of its customary usefulness. The

* The conditions of this donation are such that the Society is required to support a Rector, who is a regularly ordained minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church, must employ him the *whole* of the time, — and the *minimum* amount of his salary must be $500 *per annum*.

library for lending has recently been enlarged, and offers a strong inducement for regularity in the attendance of the scholars. The Rector is always present, and acts as Superintendent, conducting the devotions, and hearing the recitation of the different classes.

The collections for the last year have been, for the Sunday School, $22 76, and for the Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society, whose assistance heretofore is gratefully remembered, $61 69.

In the review of the prosperous condition of this parish, which has not yet passed three years since its organization, there is abundant cause for thankfulness to the Great and Good Being, who has hitherto directed the exertions of His people so successfully; and the belief is cherished that piety has been on the increase, the sacred influences of the gospel been more and more acknowledged and manifested; and that an attachment to the Church, and to religion in the Church, has been advancing among those, who by these means seek for salvation through the merits of the crucified Redeemer.

EDWARD BALLARD, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Church, Otis.

On the first day of January, A. D. 1828, the Protestant Episcopal Society of Otis was organized, agreeably to, and in conformity with a Statute Law of this Commonwealth. The number of members composing the Society at its organization was 12 only; two of them in early life had been instructed in the principles of the Church, the remaining number had occasionally, though recently, attended upon her ministry and worship. Under this state of things, and with this small beginning, the Society was much aided and assisted by the very valuable services of the Rev. Benjamin C. C. Parker, then a Missionary at Lenox, and parts adjacent. About this time the Society was visited by the Rev. Mr. Gilbert, of Great Barrington, who spent two or three days, including Sunday, among the inhabitants of the parish: his former experience in new parishes, ardent love for the Church, together with a sound and discriminating judgment, rendered his visit highly useful and acceptable to the parish. From its commencement the Society has gradually increased. The population of the town is not large, and as there are three other religious societies within its territorial limits, great accessions cannot be expected; still, however, it maintains a respectable rank and standing among the other denominations in the town. The Society, as is the case with all newly formed, was

greatly incommoded by the want of a suitable place for worship. A small school-house was the only place where the services of the Church could be most conveniently conducted. The house was generally crowded, and the officiating clergyman (Mr. Parker) on several occasions was obliged to leave the house, and perform the services in the open air with nothing to protect him from the piercing rays of the sun but an umbrella which was suspended over his head, during the time of service. In the fall of 1829, the Society began to take measures to erect a Church; a subscription was made, and from the amount subscribed it was thought expedient to commence the work; that the sum was sufficiently large to cause a frame to be erected, and enclose the building. The Society, it is believed, had not the most distant thought that anything more would be done toward completing the house for years to come. Their numbers were small and few; a great desideratum with them was to have a covering from the storm and tempest, under which they could worship their Maker agreeably to their own consciences, without fear or molestation.

A site for the Church was procured, and the corner-stone laid in the fall of 1829. In June following, a frame was erected, 38 by 48, with a well-proportioned tower. After the erection of the frame, the members of the parish with a zeal far beyond their means, determined on prosecuting the work to its completion. It was thought that considerable foreign aid might be obtained, but of that the Society was disappointed: not more than $100 were procured out of the parish. It ought, however, to be here stated, that the Rev. Mr. Parker, and his family connexions in Boston, in various ways, very generously contributed in aid of the parish. A quarto Bible with plates, in Russia binding, and a good edition of the Book of Common Prayer, with notes and explanations, designed for the desk; and an elegant service of Communion Plate were among the donations from that benevolent source. The Society, also, with feelings of gratitude acknowledge the receipt of several boxes of glass from the Female Episco[illegible] Charitable Society of Lowell. Also, a very valuable Chandelier from Christ Church, Boston.

The work was prosecuted with energy and spirit, and in the month of November, 1830, the building was completed. The Church is gothic in its structure, and in design and finish is not surpassed by any country Church in the state. Within the last three months, a good organ built expressly for the Church, has been purchased by the parish; in aid of this object the members of the Berkshire Bar very generously contributed $110.

For more than fourteen months the Society has been destitute of the services of a clergyman, with the exception of one Sunday

each by Messrs. Gilbert, Ballard and Keeler, and four Sundays by the Rev. Mr. Foxcroft. The Church has uniformly been opened on Sundays, and when destitute of a clergyman, lay reading has been maintained. It has a Missionary Society and Sunday School. The number of Communicants is 17. The number of families now belonging to the parish is 64; whole number since the parish was organized is 78.

The services of a clergyman are very much needed in this parish. There is a small parish in Blandford, 10 miles distant from Otis, also destitute of a clergyman. The two parishes combined can pay, and will engage to pay, $300 toward the support of a clergyman; and it is believed that if the two parishes can have the stated services of a clergyman for one or two years, they will be able to support a clergyman from their own resources. Should a clergyman visit Berkshire with a view of taking charge of the Churches in Otis and Blandford, he may not find the people burdened with wealth, yet he will find them zealously affected in a good cause, grateful, kind and hospitable.

LESTER FILLY,
ELISHA PINANY, } *Wardens.*

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Counties.	Towns.	Churches.	Ministers.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	S. School Scholars.	Bible Class	Miss. Soc.	Miss. Contributions.
				Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Died or removed	Added.	Present Number.							
Berkshire.	Otis	St. Paul's	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	17	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
	Lenox	Trinity	Vacant	*	*	8	*	*	43	5	*	3	*	*	*	*
	Lanesborough	St. Luke's	S. B. Shaw	5	0	5	2	4	52	8	2	6	40	†	1	10.00
	Great Barrington	St. James'	S. Gilbert	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§
	Pittsfield	St. Stephen's	E. Ballard	19	2	21	5	11	36	23	1	4	60	*	*	301.95
	Blandford	St. Mark's	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§
Bristol.	Taunton	St. Thomas'	H. Blackaller	13	1	14	1	5	26	9	5	5	100	§	*	25.00
Essex.	Newburyport	St. Paul's	J. Morse	20	1	21	14	14	85	*	1	14	90	*	3	84.00
	Methuen	Mt. Zion	Vacant	13	2	15	*	3	*	4	1	1	*	30	*	*
	Salem	St. Peter's	A. V. Griswold	11	3	14	*	13	70	*	3	13	70	*	*	*
	Marblehead	St. Michael's	G. C. V. Eastman	3	1	4	2	13	42	13	*	*	50	*	1	31.00
Franklin.	Montague	Trinity	R. Dickinson	2	*	2	*	*	9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Ashfield	St. John's	S. Blaisdale	2	*	2	*	1	36	11	*	4	20	*	*	7.00
	Greenfield	St. James'	T. Strong	7	2	9	*	5	66	10	8	11	65	*	1	30.00
Middlesex.	Cambridge	Christ	T.W.Coit,J.M.Bartlett	5	*	5	12	11	37	7	7	7	*	*	*	31.00
	Newton, L. Falls	St. Mary's	A. L. Baury	12	0	12	3	7	71	6	3	8	80	20	2	85.00
	Hopkinton	St. Paul's	E. Monroe	2	*	2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Lowell	St. Anne's	T. Edson	36	8	44	7	13	77	0	*	16	200	30	2	150.00
Norfolk.	Quincy	Christ	Vacant	11	2	13	13	*	46	*	3	5	*	*	*	*
	Dedham	St. Paul's	S. B. Babcock	4	1	5	1	5	38	2	1	2	†	*	2	50.00
	Roxbury	St. James'	M. A. DeW. Howe	3	*	3	*	*	40	11	1	2	104	*	*	14.00
Plymouth.	Hanover	St. Andrew's	C. Wolcott	1	0	1	4	1	42	0	8	10	80	15	1	30.00
	Marshfield	Trinity	C. Wolcott	2	*	2	*	*	18	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Bridgewater	Trinity	M. Munro	2	*	2	4	4	33	*	3	10	*	*	*	14.00
Suffolk.	Boston	St. Paul's	J. S. Stone	19	2	21	21	29	220	24	6	21	129	0	2	1000.00
		Christ	W. Croswell	21	1	22	29	14	147	*	9	19	270	*	1	210.00
		Trinity	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§
		St. Matthew's	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§
		Grace	S. McBurney	21	2	23	2	23	55	10	3	5	80	*	*	494.70
		Missionary Chapel	A. Eaton	20	1	21	20	10	100	*	24	19	†	*	*	*
		House Reformation	E. M. P. Wells			4	*	*	20	*	*	*	‡	*	*	170.00
Worcester.	Clappville	Christ	S. C. Millett	11	3	14	10	11	45	15	0	8	60	20	1	15.00
	Wilkinsonville	St. John's	D. L. B. Goodwin	6	5	11	*	5	24	11	8	4	*	*	*	13.00
Hampshire.	Northampton	St. John's	D. Leach	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4	20	25	*	*
Hampden.	Springfield	———	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§
	Southwick	———	Vacant	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§	§
			Total	361	41	330	149	282	1495	169	105	197	1516	140	18	$2765.65

* None reported. † A class, but number of members not reported. ‡ A school, but number of scholars not reported. § No report.

☞ The foregoing summary is far from being complete. It will of course be perceived no accurate statement can be prepared, until *every* parish sends a report, [illegible] strictly with the form established by the Convention of 1830.

Dr. *Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Mass. in account with Wm. Parker, Treasurer.* Cr.

1832.			
Dec. 15.	To Cash paid order of the Standing committee for Assessment at General Convention		$30.00
1833.			
Jan. 19.	" paid Daily Advertiser for adv. meeting		75
March 3.	" paid Stimpson & Clapp, printing Journal for 1833		68.56
	" sundry newspaper bills for advertising meetings, viz: Transcript	1.50	
	Patriot	1.62 1-2	
	Daily Adv. 1831,	1.62 1-2	
			4.75
June 19.	" Balance carried down		118.87
			$222.93

1832.			
June 20.	By amount balance from last account		$17.68
	" amt. assessment 1831 & 1832, St. Anne's Church, Lowell		24.00
	" asst. 1831, St. John's Church, Ashfield		3.75
	" " St. John's Ch. Wilkinsonville, Sutton,		4.50
	" " Grace Church, Boston,		5.00
	" " Christ Church, Quincy,		5.00
	" " Christ Church, Clappville		6.00
	" " Trinity Church, Boston,		30.00
	" " Christ Church, Boston, for years		
	1829	7.50	
	1830	9.00	
	1831	10.50	
	1832	12.00	
			39.00
	" " Christ Church, Cambridge		5.00
	" " St. Thomas' Church, Taunton,		5.00
	" " St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough,		7.50
	" " St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,		7.50
	" " St. Mary's Church, Newton, for 1831,		4.50
	" " Trinity Church, Bridgewater,		1.50
	" " St. Peter's Church, Salem,		9 00
	" " St. Paul's Church, Newburyport,		10.50
	" " St. Paul's Church, Boston,		37.50
			$222.93
1833			
June 19.	By balance bro't down		118.87

Boston, June 27, 1833.—The undersigned hereby certifies that he has examined the foregoing account, and finds the same correct, and properly vouched, and that the balance remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, is $118.87. B. Howard, *Auditor.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

ADOPTED IN CONVENTION, JUNE 21, 1832.

AMENDED IN CONVENTION, JUNE 19, 1833.

Article I.

This Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

Article II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth, at Boston, on the third Wednesday in June, in every year; unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

Article III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop, and the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and vote in the Convention. Every other Clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, being a settled minister, or regularly officiating in some parish within this Commonwealth; or being a President, Professor, Tutor, or Instructer in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Commonwealth, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent, or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this State for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station. Provided, however, that no clergyman, otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Commonwealth in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay-delegate, or delegates not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens, or Parish Clerk, shall, before his admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay-delegate, unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled, on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

Article IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

Article V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But in case of a vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

Article VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

Article VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay-delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for. In which case, a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

Article VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

Article IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

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CANONS.

Respecting the mode of trying disorderly Clergymen, adopted in Convention, in 1802.

Canon I.

Disorderly, scandalous, and immoral conduct, neglect of duty, disregard of the Constitution or Canons of the General or State Conventions, a continued non-attendance at the annual Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth, without sufficient reasons in the judgment of the Convention, disseminating or countenancing opinions contrary to the doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, are offences, for which a clergyman ought to be censured, and accused of which by the Convention, he ought to be brought to trial.

Canon II.

If any clergyman of this Church offend in any instances enumerated in the foregoing Canon, complaint may be made thereof by the wardens, or by three or more communicants of the Church of which he is incumbent, or at which he officiates, or by any other clergyman, to the annual Convention; and if, in the opinions of the majority of both orders, there shall be sufficient cause for said complaint, the same shall be certified to the Bishop, whose duty it shall be to furnish the accused person with a copy of the charges alleged against him, and require him to make answer thereto before him and his council, whom he shall convene to hear and judge of said charge or charges, and notify the accused of the time and place of meeting; notice thereof to be given at least one month before. And if the Bishop and his council, or a major part of them, after hearing the evidence, shall judge the accused person guilty of said charge, the Bishop shall reprove, suspend, or degrade the person so convicted, as he and the

said major part of his said council shall think the offence may deserve. But if the offence require degradation or deposition of the person so convicted, sentence shall be pronounced, in the mode prescribed by the sixth article of the General Constitution. And in case the person accused shall neglect to appear after due notice, given as aforesaid, the Bishop and his council shall proceed *ex parte*, and if the judgment shall be censure, the Bishop shall send the same to the person so convicted in writing: but if the offence shall amount to suspension or degradation, the same shall be published agreeably to the directions of the twenty-seventh Canon of the General Convention.

Canon of 1828,

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum and one half of one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by Lay-Delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify, in his annual Report, what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, *viz.* to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop to this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to

pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several Churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies at least of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

Form of Certificates to be given to Lay-Delegates.

This certifies, that at a regular meeting of those persons in the parish of *(here enter the name and place of the Church)*, entitled by law to vote in parish affairs *(here enter the date of the meeting, and the names of the persons elected)*, were duly elected, to represent this Church, as Lay-Delegates, in any Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which may be holden during the ensuing year.

Signed.

N. B. By the third article of the Constitution, all certificates of the appointment of Lay-Delegates must be signed by both the Wardens of a Church, or by the Parish Clerk.

Clergymen and Church Wardens will be furnished with copies of the Journal for distribution in their several parishes, on applying for the same at the Bookstore of Messrs. R. P. & C. Williams, Nos. 18 & 20 Cornhill, or at Messrs. Stimpson & Clapp's, Washington street, Boston.

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JUNE, A. D. 1834.

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The Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

The Rev. Edward Ballard, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

The Rev. Josiah M. Bartlett, officiating in Trinity Church, Marshfield.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls.

The Rev. Nathaniel T. Bent, Rector of Grace Church, New-Bedford.

The Rev. Silas Blaisdale, Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield.

The Rev. Henry Blackaller, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Taunton.

The Rev. John L. Blake, residing in Boston.

The Rev. Isaac Boyle, residing in Boston, and officiating occasionally.

The Rev. Thomas W. Coit, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge.

The Rev. Horace L. Conally, Deacon, officiating in St. John's Church, Northampton.

The Rev. William Croswell, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.
The Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., Domestic Missionary, Boston.
The Rev. Theodore Edson, Rector of St. Ann's Church, Lowell.
The Rev. James Everett, Chaplain in the U. S. Navy, Charlestown.
The Rev. Francis A. Foxcroft, Deacon.
The Rev. Sturges Gilbert, Rector of St. James' Church, Great Barrington.
The Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, Rector of St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.
The Rev. George F. Haskins, Chaplain in the House of Reformation, South Boston.
The Rev. Mark A. D' W. Howe, Rector of St. James' Church, Roxbury.
The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D.
The Rev. Daniel Leach, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy.
The Rev. Freeman Lane, Deacon, officiating in the Diocese of Vermont.
The Rev. William H. Lewis, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.
The Rev. Zechariah Mead, Rector of Grace Church, Boston.
The Rev. James Morss, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.
The Rev. Ephraim Munro, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.
The Rev. Matthias Monroe, Rector of Trinity Church, Bridgewater.
The Rev. Samuel P. Parker, Deacon, officiating in Trinity Church, Lenox.
The Rev. William T. Potter.
The Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.
The Rev. John S. Stone, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.
The Rev. Titus Strong, Rector of St. James' Church, Greenfield.

The Rev. John A. Vaughan, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.

The Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

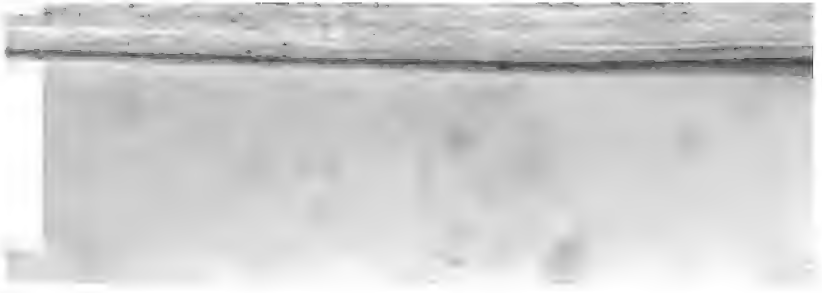
The Rev. E. M. P. Wells, officiating in St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

The Rev. Calvin Wolcott, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover. [Total, 38.]

The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, of the Diocese of South Carolina, residing in Deerfield—officiating part of his time in Trinity Church, Montague.

The Rev. Galen Hicks, of the Diocese of South Carolina, residing in Taunton.

The Rev. Henry C. Knight, of the Diocese of Maryland, residing in Rowley.



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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE, }
Wednesday, June 18th, A. D. 1834. }

THIS being the time and place appointed for the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, to be holden, the Rt. Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, with several Clergymen, and Lay Delegates, assembled in St. John's Church, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Bishop having taken the Chair,

A list of the Clergy, entitled by the third article of the Constitution, to sit, and vote in the Convention, was called by the Secretary, and the following appeared and answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D.

Rev. Samuel B. Babcock.	Rev. Matthias Monroe.
" Edward Ballard.	" Samuel B. Shaw.
" Alfred L. Baury.	" Titus Strong.
" Sturges Gilbert.	" Jona. M. Wainwright, D. D.
" Daniel L. B. Goodwin.	" Calvin Wolcott.
" Ephraim Munro.	

The Certificates of Lay Delegates being called for, were presented and read as follows, viz.

St. Paul's Church, Otis. Lester Filly, William Beard, Chauncey Phelps.

St. John's Church, Northampton. E. E. Denniston, Theodore Sheldon, Charles C. C. Mower.

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough. Nehemiah Talbot, Stoddar Hubbell.

St. James' Church, Greenfield. David Allen, John J. Pierce, Alonzo P. Megrath.

Christ Church, Boston. John Bacon, Frederick Clark, Henry H. Huggeford, Ruggles Slack.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. Edward A. Newton, Jonathan Allen, 2d, Hosea Merrill, jr.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead. Richard Girdler, Samuel D. Russell.

St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls. Amos Lyon, Ezra Warren, Caleb M. Stimson.

The following gentlemen then appeared, and having answered to their names, took their seats as members of the Convention :

Lester Filly, William Beard, Chauncey Phelps, Dr. E. E. Denniston, Theodore Sheldon, Charles C. C. Mower, Nehemiah Talbot, Stoddar Hubbell, David Allen, John J. Pierce, Alonzo P. Megrath, Ruggles Slack, Edward A. Newton, Jonathan Allen, 2d.

The Convention thus organized, proceeded to elect a Secretary for the year ensuing.

On counting the ballots, the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls, was declared unanimously chosen.

Edward A. Newton, Esq. having laid before the Convention, written evidence, that new parishes had been duly organized in Stockbridge, county of Berkshire; and in New-Bedford, county of Bristol ; on motion, it was

VOTED, to comply with the request of St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge, and of Grace Church, New-Bedford; and that the same be, and hereby are admitted into union with this Convention.

Whereupon, Ambrose Andrews having presented a certificate of his appointment, as a Lay Delegate from St. Paul's

Church Stockbridge, appeared, and took his seat as a member of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong, it was

VOTED, that the rules of order, adopted by the last Convention be now read by the Secretary, and that the same be observed during the present session, as the rules of proceeding.

'RULES OF ORDER.

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On motion of the Rev. Ephraim Munroe,

VOTED, that such of the Clergy belonging to the Church of Massachusetts, but not entitled by the Constitution to a seat in the same, together with visiting Clergymen, Candidates for Holy Orders, and such other members of the Protestant Episcopal communion, as may desire to attend the deliberations of this Convention, be admitted to honorary seats in the same.

Whereupon, the following Clergymen appeared and took their seats:

The Rev. Isaac Boyle, and the Rev. Francis A. Foxcroft, Deacon, of Massachusetts. The Rev. Benjamin C. C. Parker, and the Rev. William Horton, of the Diocese of Vermont. The Rev. A. G. Baldwin, of the Diocese of New-York.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

VOTED, that the Convention proceed to the election of a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

On counting the ballots, the Rev. Isaac Boyle was declared unanimously chosen.

On motion of the Rev. Calvin Wolcott,

VOTED, that the Convention now attend divine service.

The Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Wainwright, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston. The Convention Sermon preached by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Griswold, from the first Epistle General of Peter, iii. 15: '*Be ready always to give an answer, to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.*' After which the Bishop administered the apostolic rite of Confirmation to five persons; and then the sacrament of the Lord's Supper,—the Rev. Dr. Wainwright assisting.

These services being concluded, the congregation retired, and the Convention assembled as before in the body of the church.

On motion of Ruggles Slack, Esq.,

VOTED, that when this Convention adjourn, it shall be to meet at half past 3 o'clock, this P. M.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq.,

VOTED, that a committee of three be appointed to examine into the condition of the records of this Convention, and report thereupon.

Edward A. Newton, Esq., the Secretary, and the Rev. Mr. Strong, were appointed to compose said committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Strong.

VOTED, that a committee be appointed to ascertain what parishes have complied with the provisions of canon of 1828, providing for contingent expenses, and what have not since the adoption of the canon, and report the same to this Convention. Likewise to consider the expediency of amending said canon, or suspending its operation.

VOTED, that said committee consist of three. Whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, the Rev. Mr. Strong, and Edward A. Newton, Esq. were appointed.

The Treasurer of the Convention, the Rev. Isaac Boyle, having laid upon the Secretary's table his account for the year last past; the same was read, and then referred to an auditing committee consisting of Dr. E. E. Deniston, and Edward A. Newton, Esq.

The amendments of the Constitution, proposed at the last, and to be acted upon by the present Convention, were then taken up, and duly considered.

By leave of the Convention, the Rev. Mr. Strong withdrew the alteration proposed by him, of the ninth article of the Constitution.

That proposed by the Rev. Mr. Coit, viz. to insert in article third, last paragraph after the words, 'before his,' the words, 'or their,' was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq,.

VOTED, that a committee of three be appointed to consider the place of meeting of the next Annual Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Wainwright, the Rev. Mr. Baury, and Edward A. Newton, Esq. were appointed said committee.

The above named committee made a report, which was accepted.

Whereupon, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Wainwright,

VOTED, that the next session of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts be held in St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, county of Berkshire.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq.,

VOTED, that the next stated meeting of this Convention be held on the last Wednesday of June, A. D. 1835.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

VOTED, that a committee of three be appointed to nominate a preacher with a substitute, for the next Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Wolcott, Rev. Mr. Ballard, and Edward A. Newton, Esq. were appointed to compose said committee.

The above committee reported the names of the following gentlemen: the Rev. John S. Stone, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston, as the preacher, and the Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Boston, as his substitute.

This report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Munroe,

VOTED, that a Committee of two be appointed to report on the unfinished business of the last Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Shaw and Lester Filly, Esq. were appointed said Committee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

St. John's Church, June 18, 3½ *o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Present as before, with the accession of the Rev. Mr. Blaisdale, Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield, and the Rev. Mr. Mead, Rector of Grace Church, Boston; who having answered to their names, took their seats in the Convention.

The following Parochial Reports, as required by the LI. Canon of the General Convention, having been presented, were severally read.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Boston.

Baptisms: adults, 2; children, 28; total, 30. — Communicants: supposed to be, from the attendance at the communion table this winter, from 250 to 300; but the Rector has not been able as yet, to form a regular list of the communicants. — Marriages, 5. — Burials, 18. — The Sunday School is in a good condition; but an improvement, both in the numbers and the mode of conducting it, is confidently anticipated. A new and commodious room has been just prepared for its reception, and measures have been adopted, to introduce regular instruction in sacred music. The numbers at present attending, are about 70; but a material increase is expected. There is a good Library attached to the school, and a collection has been made for its enlargement, which amounted to $140,39. The Easter collection for missionary purposes in the Diocese amounted to $133,80. The parish generally is supposed to be in a flourishing condition. The congregation has certainly very much increased this winter. The Rector, however, would prefer postponing a more minute statement of the situation of the parish until he shall have been longer connected with it, and of course better able to form an accurate judgment concerning it. He would only beg to state to the Convention, that he has reason for the utmost gratitude to the Divine Head of the Church, for the prospects of a useful and happy ministry that have opened to him in his present situation, and that every anticipation he had formed in these respects has thus far been much more than realized.

JONA. M. WAINWRIGHT, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

Rev. JOHN S. STONE, *Rector*, absent in Europe. This report was furnished by Henry Codman, Esq,. Warden.

Marriages, 7. —Baptisms: infants, 31; adults, 1. — Deaths, 15. — Communicants, 220; presumed at least as many, as at the last report. — Sunday School Scholars, 150. — Missionary Societies, 2. —Missionary Contributions, $805

Christ Church, Boston.

Baptisms, 59; children 48; adults, 11. — Communicants: added, 26; died, 2; removed, 14; Present number 161. — Confirmed, 23. — Marriages, 17. — Burials, 21. — Sunday Scholars, 300. — Bible Class, 26. — Missionary Society, 1. — Missionary Contributions, $320.

It will be perceived by the foregoing statement, that gradual accessions have been made to this Church, and it is hoped that its spiritual improvement also is steadily progressive. The number of baptisms shows to what extent this ordinance has been honored. Confirmation was administered in August last, and many have since become desirous of an opportunity of receiving the rite. Of the additions to the Communion several have been from members of other denominations of Christians. — The Church is regularly opened for divine service, three times on Sundays, and on all the other Holy days throughout the year. A lively interest is manifested in the religious and benevolent enterprizes of the day. A Monthly Missionary Lecture has been well attended, and is the means of placing a very considerable sum at the disposal of our Missionary Society. — The Sunday School continues in a prosperous condition, under the exertions of an efficient and devoted body of teachers, who also compose a Bible Class, and meet weekly, with the Rector, for Scriptural instruction.

WILLIAM CROSWELL, *Rector.*

Grace Church, Boston.

Baptisms: infants, 10; adults, 1. — Communicants, between 50 and 60. — Marriages, 1. — Burials, 1. — Sunday School, 26 teachers and 120 scholars — Bible Class, 60. — Missionary Society, Juvenile, 1.

The Present Rector has been so recently connected with this Parish, as to be unable to furnish a very accurate report of its condition, or of the success of his labors in it. Taking all things into view, he has, however, great reason to rejoice at his prospect of usefulness. In all his efforts, both in the Sunday School and the Bible Class, in the Monthly Missionary, and other religious meetings, he has labored to promote the immediate and direct influence of divine truth in the hearts of his people, and thus to secure their eternal salvation. What the ultimate result of these efforts will be, is known only to God, who alone can give the increase. The congregation is serious, attentive, and very well attended. The want of a

Church edifice, continues still to be an obstacle in the way of its complete prosperity — an obstacle which will soon, it is believed, by the blessing of the Lord, be removed. May it enjoy the prayers of the Church generally, and receive in answer to those prayers a shower of divine grace, and an increase of spiritual blessings.

Z. MEAD, *Rector.*

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

Baptisms: adults, 1; children, 6 — Communicants: added, 8; present number, 32. — Marriage, 1. — Burials, 4. — Sunday School Scholars, 53. — Bible Class, 21. — Missionary Contributions, $45.

St. Matthew's was opened for religious service on the first Sunday in Feb. 1834. Since that time the congregation has almost doubled: We had service on Wednesday during Lent, and every day during Passion Week. We have a Lecture on every Thursday evening. Our Bible Class has but just commenced.

I am officiating once per month in Amesbury, and furnishing such supply as I can, the intervening time. They are expecting to build a church. Their present house is *full.* They have a very interesting Sunday School. It is expected they will soon get a regular and permanant supply.

E. M. P. WELLS.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

Christ Church, Quincy.

Baptisms: children, 8; adults, 1. — Communicants: added, 1; died or removed, 1; present number, 46. — Marriage, 1. — Burials, 5.— Sunday School, 60. — Bible Class, 20. — Missionary Societies, 2. — Missionary Contributions, $150.

The temporal and spiritual prospects of the Church are very interesting and encouraging. A great degree of harmony and brotherly love, now prevails through the Church and congregation. Since last July the ladies of this Church have raised by their laudable efforts, about $125. for benevolent purposes. The Church has been lately furnished with an organ, a beautiful chandelier, and lamps; and about $700 have been received from the pews, which is sufficient to cancel all claims against this Church. That the Lord may continue to prosper and bless this Church, is the sincere and fervent prayer of

DANIEL LEACH, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

Baptisms: children, 4; adults, 1. — Communicants: added, 3; removed 2; present number 25 to 30. — Confirmed, 2. — Marriages, 2. — Burials, 2. — Sunday School, 30. — Bible Class, 30. — Missionary Societies, 3. — Missionary Contributions, rising $150. This Church is out of debt. The congregation has been gradually increasing. More than three times the usual amount has been collected for Missionary purposes in the past year. A new and valuable surplice has been supplied. The Sunday School Library has had several additions. A Singing School has been sustained.

The Church has been frequently opened for extra services. I have preached twice, and made two or three visits to a few churchmen, and those friendly to the Church, at Canton, a village eight miles distant from my residence. The religious state of my parish, as far as I can judge, is not essentially altered since the last report; or if there be any alteration, we hope, under God, it is for the better. I have been called on to commit to their native dust, the remains of Mr. William Montague, a former Rector of the Church in Dedham. He was 76 years of age; for three years previous to his death, being deprived of speech by paralysis, he could only communicate his thoughts and wishes by signs and the variations of his countenance; but at the close of life he seemed to manifest a perfect acquiescence in the divine will, and to enjoy the religious exercises at his bed-side. We have good hope that he departed to be with Christ. If the friends of the Church could be provoked to the good work of erecting a new edifice, we might hope to see our affairs more prosperous in temporal things; we trust not less so in the things that concern our eternal peace.

S. B. Babcock, *Rector.*

St. James' Church, Roxbury.

Baptisms: children, 10. — Communicants: added, 13; died or removed, 7; present number, 46. — Marriages, 3. — Burials, 2. — Sunday School, 1. — Missionary Society, 1. — Missionary Contributions $70. During the whole of the past year, this parish has been engaged in building a church-edifice. Unfortunately, the expense has far exceeded the previously estimated cost; and we have, in the providence of God, been called to put forth efforts, and suffer sacrifices, from the anticipation of which we should have shrunk in dismay. By the two liberal contributions of members of our own congregation, and some assistance from individuals of a neighboring parish, our Church is nearly ready to be occupied; its consecration

will probably (if the Bishop finds it convenient to attend) occur during the present month. We hope we have good reason to believe, that the completion of our edifice will be also the termination of our difficulties, and discouragements.

I still consider Roxbury an opening of unusual promise, and importance, for the establishment of the Episcopal Church. Many persons in every community would become efficient and useful members of a society already established, who withhold their assistance from the precarious enterprize of creating a new one. So is it among us. The Church will not want friends, if it ever becomes so happy as not absolutely to need them. Whatever calamity may be in reserve for *us*, the few, who have thus far been fellow-workers in this holy enterprize, may derive abundant comfort from the reflection, that, according to the ability which God has given them, they have done *everything* to secure its success. If we had in our communion more of that substantial unity which in some other denominations renders the strong willing to bear the infirmities of the weak, instead of the few churches, which in slow succession struggle into existence, and mantain it by almost miraculous interposition, we should behold the borders of our Zion, under the divine blessing extending on every side. I am told by those who have been long in the ministry, that the spiritual apathy, which I regret to say, pervades this parish, is such, as too often prevails, when the building of the visible temple challenges the thoughts, and anxieties of the congregation. The number of communicants, however, has increased a little. We ought to be thankful, that under all adverse circumstances, it has not diminished. The Sunday School has 14 teachers and 88 scholars. Many of the German emigrants, who were reported last year as belonging to this school, have since removed to the Western Country; their places, however, have been nearly supplied by American children. This school has always been one of unusual interest, and productive of good, which the disclosures of the great day, alone, will enable us fully to appreciate. Besides Missionary contributions already mentioned, about $400 have been raised, partly by the industry of a Ladies' sewing circle; and partly by an association, for regular periodical contributions, to aid in furnishing our Church with an organ, and other conveniences, for the solemn and impressive performance of our services. May God, of his mercy, sustain and prosper us, in our efforts 'to build an house for the name of the Lord God of Israel;' and, above all, may he be pleased to make our hearts fit temples for the Holy Ghost.

MARK A. D' W. HOWE, *Rector*.

ESSEX COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Baptisms: children, 20; adults, 15. — Communicants: added, 12; died or removed, 4; present number, 90. — Marriages, 7. — Burials, 14. — Sunday School, 60. — Missionary Societies, 3. — Missionary Contributions, $80.

This parish is believed to be in a more prosperous condition, than at any preceding period; and a considerable improvement has been made in the interior of the church, for the accommodation, in the gallery, of those who could not obtain pews below. There appears to be also an increasing interest in religion, and in the prosperity of the Church. There is some difficulty in sustaining the Sunday School, the numbers of attendants frequently varying; 60 may be regarded as the average number. Weekly lectures are held in the Vestry, which receive increasing attention. A new congregation in the adjoining villages of Amesbury and Salisbury, called St. James' Church, has been collected with bright prospects of permanency. They have placed themselves under the pastoral care of Rev. E. M. P. Wells, who has kindly consented to see them supplied for a short season.*

JAMES MORSS, *Rector.*

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Baptisms: children, 25; adults, 4. — Communicants: added, 30; died or removed, 3; present number, 66. — Confirmed, 19. — Marriages, 1. — Burials, 6. — Sunday School, 60. Bible Class, 30. — Missionary Societies, 1. — Missionary Contributions, $59,57.

The present Rector of St. Michael's Church entered upon his duties, on the first of October, 1833, and the enclosed report includes only the part of the last year subsequent to that date. The blessing of God has appeared to rest upon his labors. The attendance has greatly increased, the number of communicants nearly doubled, and an evident growth in grace has been witnessed among the professed people of God. Owing to the expenses incurred in repairing the church edifice, but little has been done for missionary, and other benevolent objects: but we hope hereafter to furnish more of that pleasing and most satisfactory evidence of spiritual prosperity, which is found in liberal and zealous efforts for the extension of the

* This report was received by the Secretary after the session had closed.

Redeemer's kindgom. Though the repairs of the church were completed just before the present Rector entered upon his labors, yet as they were finished during the last year, it may be proper to mention, that the interior of this ancient building has undergone a complete change, and is now fitted up in a very neat and handsome style, and furnished by private liberality, with a good organ; and that, though the expenses have been very great, and the congregation, at the time they were incurred, very small, the burden, has much to their credit, been cheerfully sustained, without soliciting or receiving any assistance from abroad. With gratitude to God for the improved appearance of things among us, we are humbly trusting that there are greater mercies in store for us, and think we may venture to encourage the friends of our Zion, who have looked, perhaps, despondingly upon its spiritual desolation, to hope, that the prosperity of which we have some indication, will be continued, increased, and permanent, to God's glory, and to our mutual joy.

WILLIAM H. LEWIS, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Baptisms: adults 3; children; 8. — Communicants: died or removed, 12; added, 5; present number, 67. — Confirmed, 2. — Marriages, 2. — Burials, 7.

During the last year, the parish has had no church to worship in, and have been obliged to meet in several different places, neither of which was convenient and large enough to accommodate all the congregation who met in the old house. In the basement story of the new church is a room neatly furnished and very convenient for Sunday Schools, Lectures, &c. in which for several of the last weeks, the congregation have worshipped; but it is too small for the accommodation of all of them. Their increase of course has been less. On the opening of the new church, which, with divine permission, will be on Wednesday of next week, we have good reason to hope for a very considerable increase of the congregation, and also of communicants. It is now more than a year since we have had a convenient place for administering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. It is expected also, that there will be a confirmation in the new church, soon after it is opened.

The Rev. John A. Vaughan has recently accepted the invitation of the parish to become permanently their minister, and on Thursday of next week it is expected that he will be ordained Priest, and instituted Rector.

The Sunday School is increasing and doing well: between 60 and 80 usually attend; teachers, 15. Connected with the School is a Bible Class, in addition. The Easter Collection

was $16,12. One Missionary Society has contributed $39. A Ladies' Missionary Society has contributed $50, for missionary purposes, and as much more they have (on account of the heavy expenses of the parish,) this year appropiated to the finishing of the new church.

There is in the congregation the appearance of increasing piety, and the general prospect of the parish is very encouraging.

ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Christ Church, Cambridge.

Baptisms: children, 4. — Communicants: the number has never varied much from an average of 30. Accessions have not enlarged it essentially, as many of the congregation are *transient residents*. I have sometimes been doubtful of the propriety of counting such, as they may possibly have been counted already, on the list of my brethren. -- Burials: for two years but *one*, and that of a person aged seventy. — The Sunday School is variable, from 20 to 30. — There is no longer a Bible Class. In lieu of it, I have commenced a course of extempore lectures, delivered every Wednesday evening in the old Court House. A Ladies' sewing society has been formed, which meets once a month. They have already made their Rector a patron of the General Missionary Society of the Church. The contribution for this, with the Easter Collection, amounts to $85.

THOMAS W. COIT, *Rector.*

St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls.

Baptisms: infants, 10; adults, 1. — Communicants: added, 3; died or removed, 4; present number, 70. — Confirmed, none. — Marriages, 3. — Burials, 10. — Sunday School Scholars, 90. — Bible Class, 50. — Missionary Societies, 2. — Missionary Contributions, $100.

The members of this parish continue to maintain the unity of the spirit, in the bond of peace. Our congregation has os far increased that all the church sittings are taken up; while new applications for seats remain unsupplied. The moral and spiritual state of our affairs, afford also ground for encouragement, as well as of devout thankfulness.

During the past winter, a parochial temperance society was formed. It now consists of more than three hundred members; and is exerting a most happy influence. The Bible Class is

composed exclusively of adults. Its members appear unusually interested in this sacred exercise, and what is incomparably more important, have, it is believed, profited thereby.

Our Sunday School had never so large a number of teachers and scholars as at the present time. The recitations are good, and punctually attended. Nothing now seems to be wanting, but the continued blessing of Heaven, to render this important institution increasingly useful and prosperous. Missionary assemblies for prayer, and the communication of religious intelligence, are held monthly at private houses. A meeting of the Sunday School teachers takes place on the second Monday of each month, at the Superintendent's residence. Beside these and the stated services of the sanctuary every Lord's day, and on all the principal fasts and festivals of the Church, social meetings on Sunday evenings, and at other seasons, for prayer and religious instruction, are maintained, and generally well attended. The hope and belief is indulged, that the means of grace have proved in some degree effectual, during the last conventional year, in awakening the impenitent and edifying the converted.

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

The general prospects of this little parish have not materially changed, since the last annual Convention. Owing to peculiar circumstances, the number of stated worshippers at this church has not increased as its friends could wish. There are, however, confident grounds for the hope, and the undersigned would humbly acknowledge it, with gratitude to God, that under his blessing, the labor bestowed upon this people, during the past year, has not been altogether in vain. There have been, baptisms, infants, 6; adults, 2. — Three have been added to the communion. There have been also 2 marriages, and 4 burials. The proceeds of female industry for aiding the objects of the Church, have amounted to about $20, and this sum would probably be larger, but for the reason that the usual article of manufacture has diminished in value the season past. Among our people there has been evidently some increase of seriousness and thoughtfulness upon the concerns of religion: this circumstance, added to the disposition, that has been shown, in some cases, perhaps, beyond what they were able to contribute to the support and comfort of him who has labored among them,—while it affords grounds for gratitude to God, affords just reason, too, for the humble hope that some seed has been sown, that will spring up into everlasting life. That this little flock may be able to continue in the wor-

ship to which they are so much attached; that God would acknowledge them as his own, and that the Lord both of the laborer and of the harvest, would keep them by his mighty power, and finally receive them unto himself, at his second coming, is the earnest prayer of their affectionate pastor.

E. MONROE, *Rector.*

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

Baptisms: children, 56; adults, 8. — Communicants: died or removed, 8; added 27; present number, 96. — Confirmed, 17. — Marriages, 12. — Burials, 19. — Sunday School, 200. — Bible Classes, 2; members, 30. — Missionary Societies, 2. Contributions, $150.

I am happy to believe that there is a growing seriousness among our communicants, and that the state of religious feeling in the congregation is improving. A convocation of Clergy was held here at the time of the Bishop's invitation in September last, when we were favored with a succession of religious services and preaching by several of my Rev. brethren. The church has been supplied with the regular service on Sundays during the year, without exception. A third service, with an expository lecture, on Sunday evenings, has been held for a few months, which I have good encouragement to continue. There are two sessions of the Sunday School, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon; at both of which, my services are constantly rendered. During church hours there have been regular services in the Sunday School house by a lay reader, for such children as have no one to take them to church. There have been public services and sermons in church, on Ash-Wednesday, Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Fast-day, and as heretofore on all Fridays in Lent. On every Saturday during Lent, the children of the congregation have been catechized. Two Bible Class exercises are held every week, at different times; and the Ladies' sewing circle, in aid of the Convocation, hold their meetings with increasing interest and frequency.

T. EDSON, *Rector.*

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

Baptisms: adults, 1. — Communicants, 16. — Confirmed, 5. — Burials, 1.

This Church is at present without a minister, and has been so for ten months past. To this cause is to be attributed its

present low state. The members of this church are only able, at present, to contribute to the support of a minister, $250, which will gladly be paid annually to a permanently resident clergyman, and the deficiency of salary be met by the Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society. No Sunday School, or other religious society, is at present organized, owing to the want of a clergyman. An Easter collection of $19, has been made, and $10, have been contributed, by the Female Missionary Society. It is sincerely hoped the Bishop and his clergy will, if in their power, make such arrangement as to enable the members of the church to have an officiating minister immediately. The above is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Parish.

E. E. Denniston,
Theodore Sheldon,
Chas. C. C. Mower,
} *Lay Delegates.*

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

Baptisms: children, 2. — Communicants: died or removed, 5; present number, 40. — Marriages, 4. — Burials, 8. — Sunday School, 60. — Bible Class, 10. — Missionary Society, 1. Missionary Contributions, $25.

The state of this parish is as encouraging as at my last report. The pressure of the times, deaths, and removals, have, however, in some measure damped our hopes. But we still trust that the Great Head of the church will appear in mercy for this *little flock*, and sustain them under all their discouragements. There are but few, if any parishes, in this Diocese, which have had greater opposition to encounter or difficulties to surmount, than this; and yet, notwithstanding all our troubles, the Lord has sustained the friends of the church; and at this time they are united as a band of brothers and sisters, in their efforts to advance the prosperity of their society.

Calvin Wolcott, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Marshfield.

Families, 25.—Baptisms, 2.—Communicants, 15.—Deaths, 3.

The state of this parish I consider more encouraging than at any former period. The parish has made an effort to have constant service, during the present year. The Rev. Mr. Bartlett has commenced his labors with them, with good prospects of success.

Calvin Wolcott, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

Baptisms, none. — Communicants: added, 1; died or removed, 3; present number, 31. — Marriages, 3. — Burials, 7. Sunday School, 50 children, and in a flourishing condition. — Missionary Society, 1. — Amount of contributions, not exactly known.

There has been no very important change in the condition of this Society, during the past year. Several families have moved out of the immediate neighborhood of the church; yet, through the divine goodness, there is evidently an increasing attention to the subject of religion, and to the services of the sanctuary, in particular, so that the number of worshippers is not at all diminished, nor the love of any, we trust, waxed cold.

MATTHIAS MUNROE, *Rector.*

BRISTOL COUNTY.

St. Thomas' Church, Taunton.

Baptisms: infants, 11; adults, 4. — Communicants, added, 16; removed 6; present number, 36. — Confirmed, 9. — Marriages, 6. — Burials, 6. — Sunday School Scholars, at present, about 100; more are expected. — Missionary contributions, $22,60.

The Rector of this parish commenced his labors in May, of last year, under circumstances favorable to the hope of a prosperous ministry: considerable acquisitions were early made to the Sunday School, both of teachers and scholars, and a contribution, after an appeal from the pulpit, of $17,25, was raised for the purpose of improving the library.

The dministrations of the sanctuary, which with few exceptions include a third service through the year, appear to have been blessed of God; not indeed to that extent which is sometimes inspired by raised expectations; nevertheless, a goodly number have submitted to Christ, and bowed to the sceptre of his love. The most of these have since been confirmed, and are now communicants of the church. There are yet others, of whom the hope is, that they will soon be induced to come and do likewise.

Besides the sanctuary services, meetings of a social or conversational nature have been held, from house to house, upon an average, twice a week, the influence of which, it is hoped,

has been salutary. For some months, also, when the weather was favorable, a number of the lesser scholars of the Sunday School have been convened, either in the church, or at the Rector's house, for the purpose of catechizing them in scripture biography, history, and in the 'Book of Common Prayer.' Singing, also, and speaking select hymns, have been a part of the exercise, in all which the interest of the children has invariably been engaged.

In the month of August last, a Ladies' Sewing Circle was organized, embracing about twenty-two members, by whose exertions, a product of between $60 and $70 has been raised, part of which has been appropriated to domestic missionary purposes, and part is intended to be expended in some necessary improvements in the church. During the past year, the parish has suffered by the removal of one of the chief supporters of its temporalities; added to which, an unusual drought, which greatly diminished the waters of our river, occasioned the removal of several other families of respectability and promise. In the good providence of God, others have come among us, whose hearts, we trust, he will dispose to exercise as large, if not a larger share of interest, in our beloved Zion. Our prayers, are, that he will also 'abundantly bless her provision — that he will clothe her priests with salvation, and make her saints shout aloud for joy.'

HENRY BLACKALLER, *Rector.*

Grace Church, New Bedford.

Confirmations, 15. — Baptisms: adults, 3; infants, 5. — Marriages, 2. — Funerals, 2. — Present number of communicants, 25. — Sunday School, 50. — Bible Class, 50. — Ladies' Missionary Sewing Circle, 35.

It was early in December last, that I commenced my labors as a missionary in New Bedford. Two months previous to this, a society had been duly organized under the name of Grace Church. This organization had been effected through the instrumentality of a committee, who visited the place as missionaries at the request of a clerical convocation. At first, I had to encounter much opposition, and many discouragements. Our number was exceedingly small; nothing was known of our church comparatively; the season of the year was unpropitious, and worst of all, the town was at that time laboring under the severest pecuniary embarrassment. But through the great goodness of God, we have been enabled to rise above all these difficulties, and now, though our society is

not large, still its external and internal condition is such as to call upon us for praise and thanksgiving. They now number from forty to fifty families, who are strongly attached to our church, and regularly worship with us. As might be expected, our Liturgy has firmly established itself in the hearts of the people. It has been my endeavor to enlighten the minds of those, who are anxious to know our peculiarities, and the result has been generally, that what they came to know, they came to approve and love. Prejudice has in a great measure been removed, and opposition comparatively ceased in the town at large. We now occupy a small meeting-house, hired of the Baptist denomination for one year. This is full, all the pews are taken up, and there are constant demands for more room. We need a church edifice, and we trust that uniting our own efforts with those of our friends abroad, we shall speedily have one. We commend our cause to the sympathies and prayers of all our brethren who love our Lord Jesus Christ, and his Holy Apostolic Church.

N. T. Bent, *Rector.*

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Christ Church, Clappville.

Baptisms: infants 2. — Communicants: died or removed, 5; present number, 50. — Confirmed, 2. — Burials, 1.

This church is much in want of a pious and devoted pastor — to such a one this presents a wide field for usefulness, and he would meet with a cordial reception from the people of the parish and neighborhood, who are both able and willing to furnish a competent support.

Abisha Larned, H. A. Pettibone, } *Wardens.*

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

Baptisms: children, 4; adults, 1. — Communicants, 29. — Confirmed, 2. — Marriages, 7. — Burials, 7. — Sunday School, 66. — Bible Class, 41.

The state of this parish remains very much the same as at the time of my last annual report. Besides the communicants mentioned above, nearly an equal number, connected with other denominations of Christians, are accustomed to commune with us. The ministry of the word does not appear to have been attended with its usual success. Many, it is believed, are almost persuaded to be Christians, but as yet, with one con-

sent, they make excuse for not accepting the heavenly invitation.

The Sunday School is well attended, both by teachers and scholars, and appears likely to be useful.

The exercise of the Bible Class is held at 5 o'clock, Sunday, P. M. in the body of the church, and is attended by others besides the members. A meeting for devotion and familiar religious instruction, is held at private houses on Wednesday evenings, and is found to be profitable to those who attend it.

D. L. B. Goodwin, *Rector.*

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

St. James' Church, Greenfield.

Baptisms: children, 12; adults, 4. — Communicants; added, 10; present number, 70. — Confirmed, 6. — Marriages, 2. — Burials, 4. — Sunday School, about 60 scholars. — Bible Class, about 16 members. — Missionary Society, 1. — Missionary contributions, $60.

This parish was never, apparently, more prosperous than at the present time. The services on Sundays, and at the lectures, which are regularly held, are well attended, and we trust that there is an increase of the *power*, as well as the form of godliness.

T. Strong, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

Baptisms: infants, 5. — Burials, 7. — Confirmed, 1. — Members of the Sunday School, 35. — Communicants, 36. Easter collections, $7.

The state of the parish is nearly the same as last year; nothing very interesting having occurred, either of a religious or of a temporal nature. The income of the pew rents for the present year is $190, 25, as this is the amount raised for the support of a minister, it will be perceived, that we still are in need of missionary aid. For the last year we received assistance to the amount of $120; $50 from the Massachusetts Missionary Episcopal Society; $20 from Christ Church, Boston, and $50 from the Easter collections, toward which we contributed $7.

We have recently, with the assistance of our friends in town, and two donations from abroad, ($20 from a gentleman in Boston, and $10 from another in New York,) procured an organ suitable in size and capacity for our church.

Silas Blaisdale, *Rector.*

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

Baptisms: infants, 1. — Communicants: added, 2; died or removed, 2; present number, 17. — Confirmed, 2. — Burials, 3. — Sunday School, 30 pupils. — Missionary Society, 1.

In submitting another report to the Convention, the Wardens are again constrained to say that the church has been destitute the last year of the stated services of a clergyman: there have been occasional services within the year, amounting in all to seven Sundays; the parish would gladly have supported a clergyman the greater portion of the year, had an opportunity presented itself. Lay reading has been continued in the church, and by that means accompanied by the blessing of Heaven, the parish has been sustained. In the affairs of the parish there has been but little change: since the last year, in point of members, there has been no considerable gain; still, however, it is apparent that there is an increased attachment to the church, and a disposition to contribute more liberally toward the support of its institutions. This parish, in connexion with St. Mark's in Blandford, with a very little missionary aid, can give a clergyman a competent support.

LESTER FILLY, } *Wardens.*
ELISHA PINANY, }

Trinity Church, Lenox.

Baptisms: adults, 2. — Communicants; added, 4; removed, 2; present number, 45. — Burials, 3. — Easter collections, $6.

There is no material alteration in this parish since our last report. The church has uniformly been open on Sundays for lay reading, except five Sundays, on which it was supplied by the neighboring clergy.

RICHARD PARKER, } *Wardens.*
JERAD BRADLEY, }

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

Baptisms: children, 3. — Communicants: added, 10; died, 2; present number, 60. — Confirmed, 4. — Marriages, 1. — Burials, 8. — Sunday Scholars, between 40 and 50. — Bible Class, 30. — One Female Benevolent Society. — Amount of general contributions, $49,33.

The condition of this church is more prosperous than it has been for many years. Peace and harmony, and a more general concern for spiritual things prevail. It is expected that a number of baptisms will soon take place, and that many whose views have been directed to that object, will ere long present

themselves at the table of the Lord. The past winter was a season of deep anxiety to this parish. An unusual excitement existing among other denominations in town, the Rector, anxious to render it useful to the Church, commenced a course of practical lectures, from house to house. These lectures, in addition to the usual exercises on Sunday and Thursday evenings, were continued through the winter, and were found of essential service in keeping our little flock together, and in interesting the minds of many in practical piety. It may not be improper to mention, that in all these meetings, we have found it neither expedient nor desirable to depart from our authorized formularies of devotion, or to encourage any of those extravagancies, to which the human mind, when deeply excited, is ever prone. The Ladies' Society, which meets regularly once in two weeks, is respectable for its numbers, and promises from its past exertions and success, to become an important auxiliary in promoting the welfare of the parish. The Sunday School and Bible Class are flourishing: the former has now a valuable library, and the latter, embraces a large portion of the youth of the parish of both sexes. Our church edifice, which is undoubtedly the oldest wooden building of the kind in the State, is inconvenient, and ill accords with the spirit and improvement of the times. An organ, moreover, would add much to the beauty of our mode of worship, and advance the interests of the church. Still, we have abundant cause for gratitude for the portion of prosperity which we enjoy, and for confidence in the strong arm of the Lord our God.

SAMUEL B. SHAW, *Rector.*

St. James' Church, Great Barrington.

Baptisms: children, 9; adults, 3. — Communicants: added, 20; died or removed, 5; present number, 95. — Confirmed, 13. — Marriages, 5. — Burials, 20. — Sunday School, 60. — Bible Class, 30. — Missionary Society, 1. — Missionary contributions, $20, and two Sundays' services.

During the past year I have visited the parishes, of Lenox, Otis, and Blandford, and preached with them. I have also preached several times in Shepard and Stockbridge. In Stockbridge a parish has been organized under favorable prospects: the next day, which was Sunday, I attended divine service with them, and celebrated the communion with nearly fifty communicants—nine of whom were members of the new parish. Our exercises were held in the upper room of an academy, with no very suitable accommodations; but the humble manner did not detract much from the interesting and deep solemnity of the occasion. In Great Barrington, prepa-

rations are making, and materials collecting, for a new stone church. Design, 40 by 60 feet, with a projection of eight feet, supported by four stone pillars, four feet in diameter, and twenty-six feet high, above which a splendid tower is to be erected in good style. The work to commence immediately.

STURGES GILBERT, *Rector.*

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

Baptisms: infants, 16; adults, 7; total, 23. — Confirmed, 14. — Communicants: added, 18; present number, 52. — Marriages, 2. — Burials, 4. — Sunday School, 80. — Missionary contributions, $319.

This church continues to be attended with the blessings of peace and prosperity. The congregation has not sustained much change since the last report, but has on the whole rather increased. The spiritual condition of the parish has been gradually improving, and the number of communicants added, during the past year, is a gratifying evidence of the interest entertained towards the truth as it is in Jesus.

The Sunday School has lately been re-organized for the season, and though always useful, has never promised so much benefit as at present. The library has lately been enlarged, by means of the annual contribution.

Since the last Convention, the Rector, as usual, has preached lectures in several of the different districts in the town; and it is believed with profit to the hearers, and for their better acquaintance with the institutions of the church. He intends to pursue the same course during the summer.

By the pious liberality of two individuals of this parish, a scholarship with a fund of $2000, has been established in the General Theological Seminary. It bears the name of the late Thomas T. Thomason, a late chaplain of the English Church at Calcutta. The nomination to the benefits thereof is held by the founders, and after their decease, by the Rector, then being, of this church.

The contributions for benevolent objects have been—for Sunday School, $22. — Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society, $53. — Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, $166. — Other Missionary objects, $100. — Total, $341.

EDWARD BALLARD, *Rector.*

The Committee on unfinished business reported that there did not appear from the Journal of the last Convention any business, calling for the attention of this Convention, that had not been already acted upon.

The Committee on the subject of the Records of the Convention, presented the following as their Report, which was duly accepted:

That, commencing with the year 1790, they find them to have been regularly and carefully preserved in a suitable book provided for the purpose, except the proceedings of the annual Conventions of 1832 and 1833, and the special Convention of ———, which have not been entered therein. — They therefore recommend that the Secretary be instructed to cause this omission to be rectified, and that he be empowered to employ a writer for the purpose, and to cause him to be paid out of the contingent fund of the Convention. They further recommend, that the journals of proceedings for the future, should be numbered, for more convenient reference, commencing with the Journal of the present year, as the forty-fourth.

E. A. Newton, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Mr. Boyle, with leave of the Convention, read the following communication:

The Subscriber begs leave to submit to the Convention the following statement:

In the year 1831, the Massachusetts Episcopal Theological School, in pursuance of a resolution passed by the Trustees, contracted a bill with Messrs. Stimpson and Clapp, for a record book, printing constitution, and by-laws, &c. to the amount of $27, which bill is herewith enclosed. Having patiently waited for three years, they have respectfully requested the undersigned, as being best acquainted with the circumstances of the case, to put the same in a train for settlement; and I know no other method, than to ask permission to bring it to the consideration of the Convention. The School aforesaid was founded, and its officers appointed by this Convention, and the expenses in question incurred by their direction. The Treasurer, appointed by this Convention, never accepted the trust, — no funds were, in consequence, collected; and though the ensuing annual meeting was regularly and urgently notified, a quorum could not be got together, either for the election of officers, or the transaction of business,—as will be seen by a reference to the records; and from that time to this, the Society has been, if not without existence, at least, without an organization. In the mean time, the undersigned, in behalf of Messrs. Stimpson and Clapp, is desirous to know how they may expect this claim to be adjusted, and whether this Convention would not think proper to assume the debt.

It is proper to say, that the Rev. Mr. Coit has generously contributed $5, towards the liquidation of this expense, and the balance unpaid is thereby reduced to $22. All which is respectfully submitted.

W. CROSWELL,
Late Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Boston, June 16, 1834.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

VOTED, that this communication be referred to a committee, consisting of one clergyman, and one lay-delegate.

Whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Strong, and Lester Filly, Esq., were appointed to compose said committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

VOTED, that the Convention now proceed to elect a Standing Committee.

The President appointed the Rev. Messrs. Wolcott and Ballard, tellers, who having collected and counted the votes, reported the whole number to be *seventeen* — necessary to a choice, *nine*.

The following gentlemen having received more than that number of votes, were declared duly chosen.

The Standing Committee.

Clergy.	Laity.
Rev. James Morss, D. D.	Henry Codman, Esq.
" John S. Stone.	Edward H. Robbins, Esq.
" Theodore Edson.	Simon Greenlief, Esq.

The Rev. Mr. Strong, chairman of the committee to whom was referred the subject of the Rev. Mr. Croswell's communication, reported, That the subject be referred to the Standing Committee for such an adjustment, as in their opinion shall appear fair and reasonable; that the expense, if any, be defrayed from the contingent fund of the Convention.

On motion,

VOTED, that this report be accepted, and the committee discharged.

The chairman of the committee on canon of 1828, respecting contingent expenses, presented the following report:—

The committee appointed to inquire what parishes have complied with the requisitions of the canon of 1828, respecting contingent expenses, and to consider the expediency of amending said canon, or suspending its operation, beg leave to report: That they are happy to find that the requisitions of the canon has been more generally complied with than they had anticipated — that they think it inexpedient either to amend the canon or suspend its operation — and that, as the funds raised agreeably to this canon are subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention, they recommend that said Standing Committee, Secretary and Treasurer be instructed to pay to the Bishop whatever funds may remain in the hands of the Treasurer, when the assessments of the present year shall have been paid in, and its usual expenses defrayed, for the purpose of meeting his expenses in attending the Convention, as provided for by the canon, he having received nothing in this way since its adoption.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. L. B. Goodwin, *Chairman.*

On motion of the Rev. Matthias Monroe,

Voted, *unanimously*, that this report be accepted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ballard,

Voted, that a committee be appointed to nominate delegates to the General Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Strong, and Edward A. Newton, Esq., were appointed to compose said committee.

The names of those gentlemen who were chosen delegates last year, were returned.

Clergy.	Laity.
Rev. James Morss, D. D.	Edward Tuckerman, Esq.
" John S. Stone.	William A. Crocker, Esq.
" Titus Strong.	Edward A. Newton, Esq.
" Alfred L. Baury.	John. T. Apthorp, Esq.

This report was accepted, and the above named gentlemen re-appointed delegates to the General Convention.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq,

Voted unanimously, that the thanks of this Convention

be, and hereby are, tendered to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold, for the acceptable and judicious Sermon, affording sound and who'esome advice to the clergy and laity, preached by him, as requested, at the opening of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Shaw,

VOTED that the lay-delegates from St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough, be excused from farther attendance.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

VOTED that the Convention now adjourn, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Service at night by the Rev. Mr. Gilbert, of St. James's Church, Great Barrington, and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Mead, of Grace Church, Boston.

St. John's Church, Thursday, June 19, 9 *o'clock A. M.*

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold in the chair. The roll was then called, and the President declared the Convention opened for business.

The Rev. Mr. Pierson, of the diocese of Vermont, appeared and took his seat as an honorary member of the Convention.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Alonzo P. Megrath, a lay-delegate from St. James's Church, Greenfield; and Mr. Jonathan Allen, 2d, a lay-delegate from St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

On motion of Lester Filly, Esq.

VOTED, that the Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold be requested to furnish for publication a copy of the sermon delivered by him at the opening of the Convention yesterday; and that the Secretary be charged with the communication.

On motion of Lester Filly, Esq.

VOTED to re-consider the resolution appointing the last Wednesday in June, as the time of holding the next Annual Convention, and that the same shall assemble as usual on the third Wednesday of June, A. D. 1835, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Leave of absence was granted the Rev. Dr. Wainwright, after this morning's session.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

VOTED that the Convention now attend divine service.

The Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Matthias Munroe, of Trinity church, Bridgewater, and a sermon preached by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop.

After the congregation had retired, the Convention assembled as before in the body of the church, — the Rt. Rev. Dr. Griswold in the chair.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, reported, That they had attended to that duty, and found the same perfectly correct, and properly vouched for. They recommend that said account be printed with the journal.

This report was duly accepted.

The following preamble and resolution was then read.

WHEREAS there has been presented to this Convention through the parochial reports, and otherwise, the most gratifying evidence of an increase in the temporal and spiritual prosperity of the Churches, in connexion therewith; for which the most devout thankfulness and gratitude, is due to Almighty God: Therefore, this Convention conceives it to be its duty to record a public expression of its sense of God's mercies in this behalf, and to proclaim them, for the encouragement, and gratification of the members of the Church at large.

But more especially is it conceived to be the duty of this Convention, and of every member of the Church within its jurisdiction, seriously and faithfully to consider, what obligation and duty devolves on them, for carrying forward the purposes of Almighty Goodness, thus manifestly and graciously displayed.

The Divine Being ordinarily works by means, and no encouragement is held forth, either in his word or in his works, that he will in any other way vouchsafe his assistance, than by co-operating with his rational creatures; therefore, humanly speaking, the farther extension of the blessings of the Church within this Commonwealth, and the necessary support and encouragement of such parishes as are already established, but unable at present, to support themselves, cannot, and ought not to be expected, unless we employ the means at our disposal, for accomplishing these desirable aims, — therefore,

RESOLVED, the Lord being our helper, we will diligently and faithfully apply ourselves to the discharge of this important duty.

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society, being duly incorporated, and organized upon principles, entirely in conformity with the polity and usages of our church, is the best medium through which the contributions of the church for domestic purposes, can be communicated.

RESOLVED, that the Rt. Rev. the Bishop as *ex officio*, President of that Society, be respectfully requested to convene the executive authority of the same at such time and place as may be convenient, for the purpose of devising the most prompt and vigorous measures, for calling forth the resources of the Church, in support of its missionary operations.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Wainwright, the same was unanimously adopted.

The following was then presented for the consideration of the Convention, and read.

Information having lately been received of the determination of the General Missionary Society of the Church to establish a mission, in the dark region of the vast empire of China,

RESOLVED, that this intelligence affords the liveliest pleasure to this Convention.

RESOLVED, that the whole field of missionary enterprise throughout the world, being an object of the sincerest interest with this Convention, we will use our best endeavors to support the said Society in its benevolent and judicious undertaking.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Wainwright, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Strong, this also passed unanimously in the affirmative.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted the Rev. Mr. Shaw, of Lanesborough, and the lay-delegates from St. Paul's church, Otis.

The Convention then adjourned to meet immediately after divine service this P. M.

St. John's Church, Thursday, P. M. 4½ o'clock.

The Evening Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Babcock, of St. Paul's church, Dedham; and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Ballard, of St. Stephen's church, Pittsfield.

The Convention then assembled in the body of the church, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Griswold in the chair.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq.

VOTED that the Secretary and Treasurer be a committee for printing the Journal of this Convention — and that the same nnmber of copies be obtained as was furnished the last year.

The committee on the subject of publishing the Bishop's sermon at the opening of the Convention, reported, that he requested time for consideration.

The following preamble and resolution, was then presented and read.

RESOLVED, that this Convention viewing with deep regret, the decline of the Massachusetts Episcopal Sunday School Society, are anxious to see it again revived, and made an efficient instrument to promote the interesting cause for which it was first organized.

RESOLVED, that the members of this Convention will give their prayers and their efforts, that the Society may be established, and put into effectual operations; and to this end,

RESOLVED, that a committee of three be appointed with power to investigate the concerns of said Society, and take such measures as they may deem expedient to put the same into successful operation, — and report at the next Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Babcock, seconded by Edward A. Newton, Esq., the same was unanimously adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

VOTED that this committee consist of three clergymen.

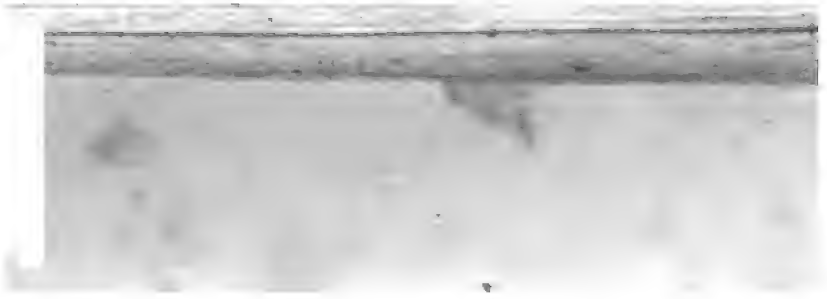
Whereupon, the Rev. Messrs. Edson, Croswell, and Babcock were appointed to compose said committee.

There being no further business before the Convention, the Episcopal benediction was pronounced, and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest, ALFRED L. BAURY, *Secretary*.

Service at night by the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, Rector of St. John's church, Wilkinsonville, and a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Wainwright, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

APPENDIX.



Dr. *Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Mass., in account with Isaac Boyle, Treasurer.* Cr.

1833			1833.			
July 9.	To paid Rev. T. W. Coit expense of printing circulars, &c., (per voucher, No. 1.)	$17,50	July 8.	By balance received of Wm. Parker Esq.,		$171,00
			9.	" amount received of St. Peter's Church, Salem,		9,00
27.	To James B. Dow, for printing Journal of the Convention of 1833, (No. 2.)	58,61	Aug. 19.	" " "	St. John's, Ashfield,	3,75
			Sept. 25.	" " "	St. Paul's, Newburyport,	10,00
Aug. 19.	To Rev. Silas Blaisdale, for traveling expenses attending Convention in 1832 and 1833, $7,50 each year, (No. 3.)	15,00	1834.			
			April 15.	" " "	Christ's Church, Quincy,	5,00
			May 12.	" " "	St. Michael's, Marblehead	5,00
Sept. 25.	To Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, do. do., (No. 4.)	15,00	June 4.	" " "	St. Paul's, Boston,	37,50
			" 14.	" " "	Grace Church, do.	5,00
Nov. 6.	To Rev. Stephen C. Millet, for traveling expenses, (No. 5.)	10,00	" "	" " "	St. Ann's Church, Lowell,	12,00
			" 18.	" " "	St. Mary's, Newton, for 1834.	4,50
1834.			" "	" " "	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, do.	9,00
Feb. 14.	To Rev. Dr. Anthon, for proportion due from Mass. Convention towards expenses of General Convention, (No. 6.)	35,00	" "	" " "	Trinty Church, Boston, for 1833,	20,00
			" "	" " "	St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville, for 1834.	4,50
June 18.	Balance to new account,	145,14				
		$296,25				$296,25
	" To sundry postages in 1833,	87	June 18.	By balance old account,		$145,14

Northampton, June 18, 1834. Errors excepted, ISAAC BOYLE, Treasurer of Mass. Convention.

We hereby certify that we have examined the above account, with the vouchers, and find the items duly charged and cast.

E. A. Newton,
E. E. Denniston.

The Treasurer is gratified that the canon of 1828 has been so generally attended to. But as it is made his duty to mention what churches have omitted to comply with its requisitions, he is, of course, obliged to name the few which follow :—St. Matthew's, Boston; St. James's, Great-Barrington; Trinity Church, Lenox; St. James's, Greenfield; St. Thomas's, Taunton.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS ESTABLISHED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1830.

Church	Place	Minister	Baptisms		Communicants			Confirmed	Marriages	Burials	Sunday Schools *	Bible Class *	Missionary Societies	Missionary Contributions.
			Infants	Adults	Added	Died or removed	Present number							

N. B. It is expected, that the Clergyman make such observations, as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish, and of his ministerial services, during the past year.

* Under these heads, it is desirable that the number of members should be stated.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Counties.	Towns.	Churches.	Ministers.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	S. School Scholars.	Bible Class.	Miss. Societies.	Miss. Contributions.
				Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Died or removed	Added.	Present number.							
Suffolk	Boston	Trinty	Jona. M. Wainwright, D. D.	28	2	30	†	†	250	†	5	18	70	†	†	133,50
		Christ	William Croswell	48	11	59	16	26	161	23	17	21	300	25	1	320,00
		St. Paul's	John S. Stone	31	1	32	†	†	220	†	7	15	150	†	2	805,00
		Grace	Zechariah Mead	7	1	8	†	†	50	†	1	1	90	60	1	†
		St. Matthew's	E. M. P. Wells	6	1	7	†	8	32	†	1	4	53	21	†	45,00
Norfolk.	Quincy	Christ	Daniel Leach	8	1	9	1	1	46	†	1	5	60	20	2	150,00
	Dedham	St. Paul's	Samuel B. Babcock	4	1	5	2	3	30	2	2	2	30	30	3	150,00
	Roxbury	St. James's	Mark A. D'W. Howe	10	0	10	7	13	46	†	3	2	88	†	1	70,00
Essex.	Newburyport	St. Paul's	James Morss, D. D.	20	15	35	4	12	90	†	7	14	60	†	3	80,00
	Methuen	Mt. Zion	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Salem	St. Peter's	John A. Vaughn	8	3	11	12	5	67	2	2	7	80	†	2	105,12
	Marblehead	St. Michael's	William H. Lewis	25	4	29	3	39	66	19	1	6	60	40	1	59,57
	Amesbury	St. James's	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Middlesex.	Cambridge	Christ	Thomas W. Coit	4	†	4	†	†	30	†	†	1	30	†	1	85,00
	Newton, Lower Falls	St. Mary's	Alfred L. Baury	10	1	11	4	3	70	0	3	10	90	50	2	100,00
	Hopkinton	St. Paul's	Ephraim Monroe	6	2	8	†	3	†	3	2	4	†	†	†	20,00
	Lowell	St. Anne's	Theodroe Edson	56	8	64	8	27	96	17	12	19	200	30	2	150,00
Hampshire.	Northampton	St. John's	Vacant	0	2	2	†	2	16	5	0	1	0	0	1	29,00
Plymouth.	Hanover	St. Andrew's	Calvin Wolcott	2	0	2	5	0	40	0	4	8	60	10	1	25,00
	Marshfield	Trinty	Josiah M. Bartlett	†	†	†	†	†	15	†	†	3	†	†	†	†
	Bridgwater	Trinty	Matthias Munroe	0	0	0	3	1	31	0	3	7	50	†	1	†
Bristol.	Taunton	St. Thomas's	Henry Blackaller	11	4	15	6	16	36	2	6	6	100	†	†	22,60
	New Bedford	Grace	Nathl. T. Bent	5	3	8	†	25	25	15	2	2	50	50	1	†
Worcester.	Chappville	Christ	Vacant	2	0	2	5	0	50	2	0	1	0	0	1	†
	Wilkinsonville	St. John's	Daniel L. B. Goodwin	4	1	5	†	†	29	2	7	7	66	41	†	†
Hampden.	Springfield	———	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Southwick	———	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Blandford	St. Mark's	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Franklin.	Greenfield	St. James's	Titus Strong	12	4	16	†	10	70	6	2	4	60	16	1	60,00
	Montague	Trinty	Rodolphus Dickinson	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Ashfield	St. John's	Silas Blaisdale	5	†	5	†	†	36	1	†	7	35	†	†	7,00
Berkshire.	Otis	St. Paul's	Vacant	1	†	1	2	2	17	2	†	3	30	†	1	†
	Lenox	Trinty	Samuel P. Parker	†	2	2	2	4	45	†	†	3	†	†	†	6,00
	Lanesborough	St. Luke's	Samuel B. Shaw	3	†	3	2	10	60	4	1	8	50	30	†	49,33
	Great Barrington	St. James's	Sturges Gilbert	9	3	12	5	20	95	13	5	20	60	30	1	20,00
	Pittsfield	St. Stephen's	Edward Ballard	16	7	23	†	18	52	14	2	4	80	†	†	319,00
	Stockbridge	St. Paul's	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
			Total	341	77	418	87	339	1871	139	96	213	2002	454	29	2811,42

* No Report. † Not reported. ‡ A class, but number of members not reported.

CANON OF 1828.

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum and one half of one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay-delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify, in his annual Report, what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, *viz.* to pay the traveling expenses of the Bishop to this Convention; to pay the traveling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the traveling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies at least of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

ADOPTED IN CONVENTION, JUNE 21, 1832.
AMENDED IN CONVENTION, JUNE 19, 1833,—AND
AGAIN IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1834.

Article I.

This Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

Article II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth, at Boston, on the third Wednesday in June, in every year; unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

Article III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop, and the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, being a settled minister, or regularly officiating in some parish within this Commonwealth; or being a President, Professor, Tutor, or Instructer in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Commonwealth, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this State for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman, otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Commonwealth in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay-delegate, or delegates not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens, or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay-delegate, unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled, on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

Article IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

Article V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But in case of a vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

Article VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

Article VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay-delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for. In which case, a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

Article VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen aud three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

Article IX.

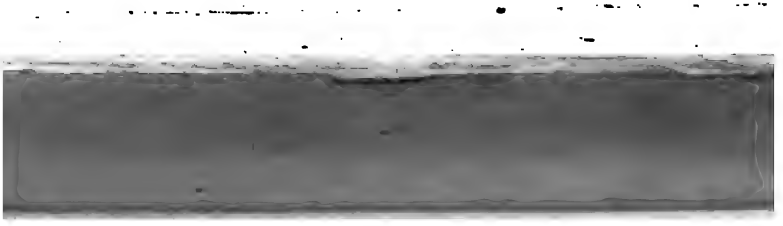
This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

NOTICE.

The next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts will be holden in St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, county of Berkshire, on the *third Wednesday* of June A. D. 1835, at 9 o'clock A. M.

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Secretary.*





A LIST OF THE CLERGY

BELONGING TO THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

JUNE, A. D. 1835.

The Rt. Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, Boston.

The Rev. Samuel G. Appleton, Deacon, officiating in St. Andrews Church, Hanover.

The Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

The Rev. Edward Ballard, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

The Rev. Josiah M. Bartlett, officiating in Trinity Church, Marshfield.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls.

The Rev. Henry Blackaller, Rector of Christ's Church, Clappville.

The Rev. Silas Blaisdale, Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield.

The Rev. John L. Blake, residing in Boston.

The Rev. Isaac Boyle, occasionally officiating in the city and vicinity, Boston.

The Rev. Nathaniel T. Bent, Rector of Grace Church, New-Bedford.

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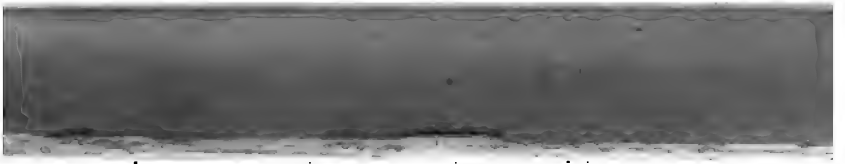
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PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

JUNE, A. D. 1835.

The Rt. Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, Boston.

The Rev. Samuel G. Appleton, Deacon, officiating in St. Andrews Church, Hanover.

The Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

The Rev. Edward Ballard, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

The Rev. Josiah M. Bartlett, officiating in Trinity Church, Marshfield.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls.

The Rev. Henry Blackaller, Rector of Christ's Church, Clappville.

The Rev. Silas Blaisdale, Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield.

The Rev. John L. Blake, residing in Boston.

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The Rev. HORACE L. CONOLLY, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

The Rev. WILLIAM CROSWELL, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

The Rev. ASA EATON, D. D., Domestic Missionary, Boston.

The Rev. THEODORE EDSON, Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

The Rev. JAMES EVERETT, Chaplain in the United States Navy, Charlestown.

The Rev. FRANCIS F. FOXCROFT, Deacon, officiating in St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton.

The Rev. STURGES GILBERT, Rector of St. James' Church, Great Barrington.

The Rev. DANIEL L. B. GOODWIN, Rector of St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

The Rev. GEORGE F. HASKINS, Chaplain in the House of Reformation, Boston.

The Rev. WILLIAM HORTON, Amesbury.

The Rev. MARK A. D'W. HOWE, Editor of the Christian Witness, Boston, and officiating in the city and vicinity.

The Rev. SAMUEL F. JARVIS, D. D.

The Rev. DANIEL LEACH, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy.

The Rev. WILLIAM H. LEWIS, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

The Rev. ZECHARIAH MEAD, Rector of Grace Church, Boston.

The Rev. JAMES MORSS, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

The Rev. MATTHIAS MUNROE, Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

The Rev. SAMUEL P. PARKER, Deacon, officiating in Trinity Church, Lenox, and St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

The Rev. SAMUEL B. SHAW, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

The Rev. JOHN S. STONE, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

The Rev. TITUS STRONG, Rector of St. James' Church, Greenfield.

The Rev. JOHN A. VAUGHAN, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.

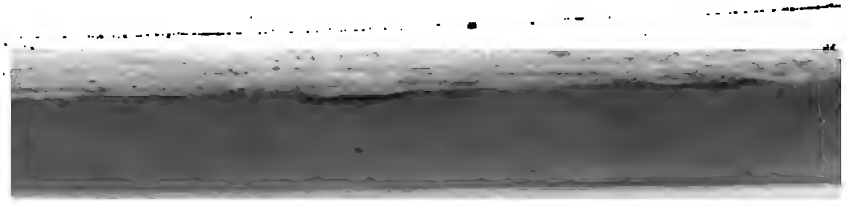
The Rev. JONATHAN M. WAINWRIGHT, D. D. Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, South Boston.

The Rev. CALVIN WOLCOTT, officiating in St. Mark's Church, Blandford, and St. Paul's Church, Otis. [Total, 36.]

The Rev. RODOLPHUS DICKINSON, of the Diocese of South Carolina, residing in Deerfield—officiating part of his time in Trinity Church, Montague.

The Rev. GALEN HICKS, of the Diocese of South Carolina, residing in Taunton.



JOURNAL.

PITTSFIELD, COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE, }
Wednesday, June 17, *A. D.* 1835. }

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, the Rt. Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D. Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, with several Clergymen and Lay Delegates, attended at St. Stephen's Church, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Chair being taken by the Bishop, a list of the Clergy, entitled to seats was called by the Secretary: the following answered to their names, and took their seats.

Rt. Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D.

Rev. Edward Ballard,	Rev. Zechariah Mead,
" Alfred L. Baury,	" James Morss, D. D.,
" Henry Blackaller,	" Samuel P. Parker,
" Silas Blaisdale,	" Samuel B. Shaw,
" Theodore Edson,	" John S. Stone,
" Sturges Gilbert,	" Titus Strong,
" William H. Lewis,	" Calvin Wolcott.

The following Lay Delegates presented Certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats:

Trinity Church, Boston. Benjamin P. Richardson.

Christ Church, Boston. Frederick Clark.

St. Paul's Church, Boston. Samuel Cutler.

Grace Church, Boston. Benjamin Howard.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport. Jacob B. Morss.

St. John's Church, Northampton. Charles C. C. Mower, Thomas Rogers.

St. James' Church, Greenfield. John J. Pierce, Richard E. Field, Alonzo P. Megrath.

St. John's Church, Ashfield. Simeon Phillips, Joseph Hall.

St. Mark's Church, Blandford. Eli Knox.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. Edward A. Newton, Jonathan Allen, Parker L. Hall.

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough. Nehemiah Talcott, Jason Newton.

Trinity Church, Lenox, Richard Parker, Titus Parker.

St. Paul's Church, Otis. Lester Filley, Elisha Pinney, Ezra Kingsley.

St. James' Church, Great Barrington. Jacob Burghardt, Casper Hollenbeck, Eber Stone.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge. Caleb Hyde, Milton Ball, Ambrose Andrews.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary for the ensuing year, when the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls, was declared unanimously chosen.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq.,

Resolved, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to Massachusetts, not entitled to seats in this Convention—visiting clergymen, candidates for holy orders, and other friends of the Church who may desire to attend the deliberations of this Convention, be admitted to honorary seats in the same.

Whereupon, the following gentlemen attended the sittings of the Convention:—

The Right Rev. Benjamin B. Smith, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky.

The Rev. James Milnor, D. D., Rector of St. George's Church, New York.

The Rev. Lucius M. Purdy, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Sharon, Connecticut.

The Rev. Henry R. Judah, Rector of St. John's Church, Troy, New York.

The Rev. Riverius Camp, of Kent, Connecticut.

The Rev. John Dowdney, Jr. of Kingston, New York.

Mr. George A. Sterling, a candidate for holy orders, in the Diocese of Connecticut.

Mr. Robert M. Chapman, a candidate for holy orders, in Massachusetts.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ballard, the Rules of Order were then read by the Secretary, and adopted—to be observed in conducting the business of the present Convention.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Morning Service of the Church shall be performed every day, during the session of this Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. Every member, who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the question.

8. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone it; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

10. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the President leave his chair.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq., the Convention, proceeded to elect a Treasurer.

On counting the ballots, the Rev. Isaac Boyle was found to be unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the year ensuing.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That at the opening of the session to-morrow morning, the Parochial Reports be read.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq., the Convention proceeded to attend Divine Service.

Morning prayer was conducted by the Rev. James Milnor, D. D., Rector of St. George's Church, New York, assisted by the Rev. Titus Strong, Rector of St. James' Church, Greenfield. The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. John S. Stone, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston, from St. Matthew, 5th chap., 13th, and three following verses: *Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.* After which, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold, administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Smith.

Divine service being concluded, the congregation retired, and the Convention assembled, as before, in the body of the church.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to consider the time and place for the next Annual Convention to assemble; and also to nominate the preacher and a substitute.

Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Strong, the Rev. Mr. Baury, and Edward A. Newton, Esq., were appointed said committee.

The Convention then adjourned to meet again at three o'clock, P. M.

St. Stephen's Church, June 17, 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment. After calling the roll, the following communication from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, of the General Convention, was read:

New York, June 4, 1833.

To the Rt. Rev. A. V. Griswold, Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, comprising the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir,—The 50th Canon of our Church makes it the duty of the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, whenever any alteration of the Constitution

is proposed, or any other subject submitted to the consideration of the several Diocesan Conventions, to give a particular notice thereof to the Ecclesiastical authority of this Church in every Diocese. In compliance with these requisitions, I take this opportunity, respectfully, to transmit to you the following notice of matters, submitted by the late General Convention to the consideration of the Diocesan Conventions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is hereby proposed for adoption, at the next General Convention, to insert the following Rubric after the "Prayer to be used at the meetings of Convention."—"During the period of the session of any General or Diocesan Convention, the above Prayer may be used by all the congregations of this Church, or of the Diocese concerned;" the clause "*here* assembled in thy *name* and presence," being changed to "now assembled in thy name and presence;" and the clause "govern *us* in *our* present work;" to "govern *them* in their present work."

Resolved, The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is hereby proposed for adoption, at the next General Convention, to insert the said Prayer and Rubric at the end of the Prayers upon several occasions, to be used before the two final prayers of morning and evening service. (See Journal of General Convention, 1832, pp. 92 and 57.)

2. *Resolved*, That, with the concurrence of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, it be made known to the Conventions of the several Dioceses, that it is hereby proposed to alter the Rubric before the Selection of Psalms, so as to read "the following Selections of Psalms, or any one or more Psalms, or any portion of the 119 Psalm in the Psalter, may be used instead of the Psalms for the day, at the discretion of the minister." And that the fourth paragraph of the "Order how the Psalter is appointed to be read," be erased. (See Journal of General Convention, 1832, pp. 93 and 94.)

3. *Resolved*, The House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that it be made known to the Conventions of the several Dioceses, that it is hereby proposed to alter the last Rubric before the communion service, by substituting the word right for the word worth. (See Journal of General Convention, 1832, pp. 93 and 94.

A true copy of the above resolutions, as concurred in by both Houses in General Convention, October, 1832.

Attest, HENRY ANTHON,

Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Delegates.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq.,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to elect the Standing Committee and Delegates to the General Convention; and to nominate Trustees for Massachusetts, of the General Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Mr. Ballard and Edward A. Newton, Esq. were appointed tellers; who having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes for standing committee to be thirty-one; necessary to a choice, sixteen.

The following gentlemen, having more than the requisite number of votes, were declared duly chosen.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

Clergy.	Laity.
Rev. John S. Stone,	Henry Codman, Esq.
" Jona. M. Wainwright, D.D.	Edward Tuckerman, Esq.
" Zechariah Mead.	John W. Treadwell, Esq.

The whole number of votes for Delegates to the General Convention was reported to be thirty-five; necessary to a choice, eighteen.

The following gentlemen, having more than the requisite number of votes, were declared duly elected Delegates to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to assemble in the city of Philadelphia, on Wednesday, the 19th of August next.

Clergy.	Laity.
Rev. James Morss, D. D.	Edward Tuckerman, Esq.
" John S. Stone,	John T. Apthorp, Esq.
" Titus Strong,	Edward A. Newton, Esq.
" Alfred L. Baury.	Simon Greenleaf, Esq.

The tellers reported the whole number of votes for Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, to be twenty-four; necessary to a nomination, thirteen.

The following gentlemen, having the requisite number, were declared duly nominated.

Clergy.	Laity.
Rev. Jona. M. Wainwright, D.D.	Edward A. Newton, Esq.
" Edward Ballard,	Lester Filley, Esq.
" Theodore Edson,	
" Zechariah Mead.	

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ballard,

Resolved, That the standing committee be required to ascertain, on or before the first day of August next, whether any of the persons elected as Delegates to the General Convention, be unable or unwilling to serve, and in such case to appoint suitable substitutes.

The Rev. Mr. Edson, from the committee appointed last year on the subject of the Sunday School Society, presented the following Report :—

That no meeting of the Massachusetts Episcopal Sunday School Society has been held for several years past, and that the Society in the mean time has not transacted any business, so far as your committee can learn.

The Society having been from its origin connected with this Convention, your committee see no obstacle in the way of reviving it, should the Convention see fit to do so at this time, by holding an annual meeting and electing the necessary officers.

Your committee therefore recommend the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to call a meeting of the Massachusetts Episcopal Sunday School Society, at such time during the sitting of this Convention as he may think proper, for the purpose of choosing officers, and of transacting such business as is customary to be done at the regular annual meeting of the Society.

Signed, T. Edson, *Chairman of the Committee*.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Morss, this Report was laid upon the table.

The Convention then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at half-past eight o'clock.

Services at night by the Rev. Dr. Morss, of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport; assisted by the Rev. Mr. Blackaller, of Christ Church, Clappville; and a sermon by Rev. Dr. Milner, of St. George's Church, New York.

St. Stephen's Church, Thursday, 18, 8½ *o'clock, A. M.*

The Bishop having taken the chair, the roll was called, when the Convention proceeded to business.

The Rev. Mr. Strong, from the committee appointed to report

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Boston.

Baptisms: adults, 4; children, 34; total, 38. Marriages, 11. Burials, 21. Number of communicants between 250 and 300; average attendance at the communion table, over 200.

The parish has considerably increased since the last report, and it is hoped, that under the Divine blessing, it has improved in all respects. The Sunday School has been much prospered. Since the last report, a second school has been undertaken by the members of this parish. Sunday School No. 1, is strictly a parochial school, and is so conducted as to combine catechetical with biblical instruction. The whole school is examined by the Rector, and a portion of the New Testament is expounded by him every Sunday. The number of Teachers is 19; and the number of Scholars about 120. Sunday School No. 2, was established for the benefit of the children of the poor. For a more particular statement of its nature, and the manner of conducting it, reference is made to the report of the Superintendent to the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union. It consists at present of 15 Teachers and 88 Scholars. The school meets twice on each Lord's day.

The Easter collection for the present year amounted to $150, and the collection for the Bishop's Fund, under the resolution passed at the last Diocesan Convention, to $250.

JONA. M. WAINWRIGHT, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

The Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston, reports, that, having been absent from this country, for much of the time before and since the last Convention of this Diocese, it is not possible to give so full an account of the state of the parish as is desirable, and as would have otherwise been possible. During the last eight months, however, he has the happiness of being able to say, that, while the outward prosperity of the parish has been abounding, its inward growth has been encouraging.—Many proofs have been given that the preaching of the Gospel of Christ crucified is the power of God and the wisdom of God. The number of pious communicants has increased; a spirit of

Since our last report the congregation has commenced the erection of a neat and convenient edifice for the public worship of God, which, under his continued blessing, will soon be completed. Notwithstanding the expense of such an undertaking, the whole cost of the ground and building being $33,000, a liberal part of which has been raised by the congregation, it is gratifying to find that they have been able to meet all their ordinary and contingent expenses, and at the same time to contribute a larger sum than usual to various benevolent objects. It will not be improper to mention that besides the missionary contributions above named, the Sunday School has, in various ways, raised $50 for the enlargement of its library, and $50 towards a share in the new church. The sewing circle has also raised $40 for the purchase of communion plate; and the congregation $450, in aid of the Bible Society, Bristol College, Bishop's support, &c. Nor have we been without encouragement in regard to spiritual things. The number of persons confirmed, all of whom give evidence of true piety, the number of communicants added, and the increase of the congregation, incline us to believe that our labors have not been in vain in the Lord. In reference to the certainty of our future success, the Rector would here express his sincere conviction that it depends, in connection with the fidelity of himself and his people, upon the blessing of Almighty God, without which our expectations may yet be disappointed, and those results which we may be now fondly anticipating will never follow. While we *hope*, therefore, we would do it with *fear and trembling*, knowing and feeling that *except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.*

Z. MEAD, *Rector.*

NORFOLK COUNTY.

Christ Church, Quincy.

Baptisms: children, 16; adults, 3. Communicants: added, 7; died, 1; present number, 52. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Sunday School, 80. Missionary Contribution, $100, of which $50 were for foreign missions, and $50 were raised by the Ladies' Sewing Society for general missionary purposes. In addition to which, more than $20 have been contributed towards increasing the Library in the Sunday School.

The temporal and spiritual state of this parish, has not materially changed since the last report. A few families have been added, and there is, I think, an increasing attachment to the doctrines and Services of our Church. The Sunday School is more flourishing than at any former period, and I rejoice to

add, that a missionary spirit is cherished and cultivated in many hearts.

Great efforts have been made, and are now making, to sustain this parish, and relieve it from debt, which I trust will be successful, notwithstanding the many pressing difficulties it has to encounter.

In view of the past year, we trust we see some evidence that our labors have not been altogether in vain in the Lord: for the little success that has attended our labors, we thank God and take courage. And to the sympathies and prayers of all who love the prosperity of our Zion, would we commend our yet feeble church.

DANIEL LEACH, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

Baptisms: children, 3; adult, 1; total, 4. Communicants: added, 6; removed, 1; total, 30. Confirmed, 3. Deaths, 4. Sunday School, 30.

Extra services have been more frequent than usual during the year past. Our missionary efforts have not been contracted, but, as we trust, enlarged. A number of new families have been added to the congregation. As a body of Christians, it is feared we want to look with more confidence unto God, for spiritual and for temporal prosperity. In his own good time, the windows of heaven shall be opened, and the blessing shall descend, but we must wait patiently the Lord's will, and receive thankfully at his hands every indication of good. We have the satisfaction of hoping that a few have been born into the kingdom of heaven.

S. B. BABCOCK, *Minister.*

ESSEX COUNTY.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Baptisms: adults, 4; children, 19; total 23. Funerals, 8. Marriages, 8. Communicants: added 18; died or removed, 3; present number 81. Confirmed, 13. Missionary Societies, 2. Juvenile, do. 1. Missionary Contributions, $114. Sunday scholars, 80 to 90.

The Monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions is observed, and a Monthly Concert for Sabbath Schools, on the second Monday of the month, has recently been established. A weekly lecture has been sustained throughout the past year, and during Passion week the Church was opened every morning at 5 o'clock, for prayer and exposition of the Epistle and Gospel for the

day; and I am happy to say that the service was well attended, and I trust not unprofitable. The Bible Class has been given up. We have to rejoice in another year of continued harmony and prosperity. God has blessed us. To him be Glory. From him may we receive continued mercies, crowned at last with eternal mercy.

WIILLAM H. LEWIS, *Rector.*

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Baptisms: children, 4; adults, 4. Communicants: added, 23; died or removed, 15; present number, 75. Confirmed, 19. Marriages, 7. Burials, 13. Sunday School, 70. Bible Class, about 20. Missionary Societies, 2. Missionary, &c. contributions, $277.

The new stone church, erected by this parish, was consecrated 25th June, 1834, and the present Rector instituted the succeeding day. Since worshipping in the present church, the congregation has been gradually increasing. The number of communicants given in as "died or removed" (15) includes many who had become disconnected in previous years, but whose names had not been struck off from the list. Though we have not to speak of any apparent general interest in religion during the year, yet we have not been left without witness to the efficacy of the means of grace when attended with the divine blessing.

The monthly meeting for communicants, the weekly meeting, and the monthly missionary meeting, have been kept up, and the attendance in general is encouraging. Our benevolent contributions are now chiefly brought under one organization, called the "Evangelical Society" of the parish. The parish were invited to contribute, individually, a weekly sum, and being divided into fourteen districts, as many female collectors make the collections and report monthly. Those objects of benevolence, considered worthy of our aid, are designated at the annual meeting for the ensuing year; and semi-annually, the amount collected is shared among those objects, and remitted. The influence and operation of this organization have been simple and encouraging, though the amount of each subscription has been small. Besides the other societies, a Juvenile Sewing Circle has been formed to work for the Green Bay mission. We have cause to be thankful for an increasing missionary spirit.

JOHN A. VAUGHAN, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Baptisms: adults, 3; infants, 13; whole number, 16. Communicants: added, 17; removed, 7; whole number, 96. Mar-

riages, 2. Burials, 10. Sunday School, 1; scholars, 80; teachers, 15. Missionary Societies, 3, which have contributed about 80 dollars. The number of families about the same as the last year.

JAMES MORSS, *Rector.*

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

St. Mary's Church, Newton, Lower Falls.

Baptisms: infants, 11; adult, 1; total, 12. Communicants: added, 3; died or removed, 4; present number, 68. Marriages, 7. Burials, 15. Sunday School Scholars, 90. Bible Class, 40. Missionary Societies, 2. Missionary contributions, $100.

The state of this parish continues prosperous. Harmony, and attachment to the distinctive principles of our venerable communion, characterize its members. We cannot, however, say that converts among us flourish as numerous, and as beautiful, as the grass of the earth, yet some we have as seals of our ministry, which induces the belief that our labor, in this portion of the vineyard, is not in vain in the Lord.

The interior of our church has been improved by the removal of the reading desk and pulpit within the chancel. By this alteration some additional sittings have been obtained, and several pews rendered more eligible.

A school for the improvement of the choir in music has been maintained the past season; beside which, considerable funds have been raised for extra parochial purposes.

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Rector.*

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

Baptisms: infants, 48; adults, 8; total, 56. Confirmations, 35. Communicants: added, 22; died or removed, 8; present number, 108. Burials, 16. Marriages, 5. Sunday School: pupils, 150; teachers, 30. One Bible Class, 15. Two Missionary Societies. Missionary and purposes of religious benevolence, $300.

Divine worship has been regularly held in church every Sunday during the year; also on Christmas day and Ash Wednesday, and on the days of public Thanksgiving and Fast; on every Friday in Lent; Friday afternoon before each celebration of the holy communion; and occasionally on Sunday evening a third service. In December last, a meeting of the Massachusetts Episcopal Convocation was held in the parish; a series of regular services and preaching by the visiting clerical bretbren

was enjoyed, and from which we have derived sensible advantage.

Our Sunday School is in a flourishing and healthy state. We have good encouragement to hope that it has been instrumental of decided Christian character and piety in the case of several children.

The weekly Bible Class instruction has also been attended to, and we hope with increasing effect.

T. Edson, *Rector.*

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

Baptisms: adult, 1; children, 3; total, 4. Marriages, 2. Burial, 1. Communicants: added, 2; whole number, 18.

This Church remains in a condition similar to that reported at the last Convention. It has had only occasional preaching during the year; but were the ministrations of a zealous and pious clergyman enjoyed, there can be but little doubt that it would soon be in a state of comparative prosperity.

C. C. C. Mower, }
Thomas Rogers, } *Delegates.*

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

Baptisms*: infants, 3; adult, 1; total, 4. Communicants: present number, about 30. Marriage, 1. Burials, 7. Sunday scholars, about 45. Missionary Society, 1. Contributions: for Greek Mission, $9; Easter Collections, $12; for the Bishop, amount not known.

This Parish may be considered in a flourishing state, although it has suffered much the year past, on account of my declining health, and consequent inability to visit the people; it has been favored, however, with lay-reading, during the whole of my sickness, which was from January to Easter Sunday. After which, I preached four Sundays in succession; but finding myself unable to endure any labor at all, and no prospect of being very speedily restored to health again, I soon became satisfied that it would be far better for the parish, and certainly for myself, to resign the charge altogether, which I accordingly

* 2 by the Bishop.

did on the 16th of last month. It is now, of course, without a minister, but I pray God, it may soon be supplied with a faithful pastor, one duly called and qualified, who will lead these interesting people, who compose his flock, into green pastures, and beside still waters, and break to them the bread of everlasting life. Before I was taken very sick, we had indulged the expectation of erecting a new church edifice, early this season, and every preliminary preparation had been made on the part of the building committee, to go on with it, without delay, provided our wealthier brethren were found disposed to afford us liberal aid. But for the present this desirable object must be delayed. Immediately after our congregational brethren, in Scotland, had heard of my resignation of this parish, and that nothing more would now be done toward erecting a new church edifice, they determined upon making an effort to build them a house of worship in this village, and I understand are likely to succeed. What effect this may ultimately have on the interests and prosperity of Trinity Church, I shall not undertake to predict. One thing, however, I think is very certain, it will do them no good. How much this parish will be able to raise, for the support of a minister, (if they obtain one,) I am unable, and not authorized to say. They raised for me last year $300, and I think are now able to raise quite as much, and perhaps more, as its members had evidently increased, previous to my being unable to preach.

Although God, in his wise and holy providence, hath not seen fit to give me many very evident or abundant tokens of his having blessed the word preached, to the salvation of the souls of men, yet, blessed be his name, he hath given me some decided evidence that I have not labored or spent my strength in vain. I have had the satisfaction also, of witnessing a growing attention to religion, a more regular attendance on Divine worship, and withal, an increased seriousness in very many. And on all accounts, I have had the pleasure of seeing this parish greatly improved under my ministry.

MATTHIAS MUNROE,
former Rector of Trinity Church.

Bridgewater, 10th of June, 1835.

BRISTOL COUNTY.

Grace Church, New Bedford.

Baptisms: adults, 10. Communicants: added, 15; removed, 8; present number, 32. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Sunday School, 75. Missionary Society, 1.

This infant Church still lives, and we trust has seen the days

of its lowest estate. Its present condition is much more consolidated than when our last report was made, although our circumstances have been such, as to prevent any very considerable accession. This cannot take place till we are in a new church edifice. Efforts were made last autumn to procure funds for building. A good amount was raised at home, and some assistance was obtained abroad. But we could not bring things into such shape as to commence then. Since that time, there has been an unexpected depression of business in our town, owing to apprehended difficulties with a foreign nation, in which event our commerce, the only source of our revenue, would be crushed, and our town in a good measure depopulated, probably. This apprehension paralyzed, for the time, the efforts of our committee, and it is only very recently, that they have felt free to act. Prospects now are encouraging, and though such delays are always unfortunate, still we hope and expect the completion of a church edifice by the coming winter.

Our congregation is as good as it well can be generally: the attachment to the peculiarities of our Church evidently increases, and most of all, along with this feeling, a deeper religious sensibility seems to pervade the parish at large. At periods, feeling has been very deep. Our Sunday School is very interesting. The Bible Class, suspended for a while, is about to be renewed again, and meetings for social worship, which are held weekly, are well attended, and apparently followed by very happy results.

The situation calls for the most untiring effort, and especially do we need more of the presence, and co-operation of our brethren abroad, than we have as yet been able to secure. But if they deny us their presence, we hope they will not their earnest prayers.

No baptism of children is reported, but several stand ready for the ordinance, and will receive it in a week or two. May the great Shepherd of the Church continue to smile on us, and more abundantly.

N. T. Bent, *Rector.*

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Christ Church, Clappville.

Baptisms: infants, 6. Communicants: died or removed, 11; added, 12; present number, 51. Marriages, 3. Burials, 4. Sunday School, 55. Missionary Society, 1. Contributions for Sunday School and Missionary purposes, $47 50.

The Rector of this Parish commenced his labors in August of last year. The previous condition of the parish was such as in-

duced a prevailing feeling of discouragement among all its friends. Many were disposed, like the sorrowing Jews in captivity, to hang their harps on the willows. But as is frequently the case in the overruling goodness of God, *their* extremity was *his* opportunity. Their very trials became a preparation for a juster appreciation of sanctuary ordinances, and a higher relish for spiritual joys, a circumstance materially alleviating my own anxieties in view of the work before me, for it led to the most cordial concurrence in every feasible measure to revive the drooping energies of the parish. My earliest object was the formation of a Sunday School, but I found a material obstacle to any extensive usefulness. Parents having numerous children, most of whom were deprived of weekly schooling, had undertaken to instruct them on the Sabbath. To obviate this, I proposed an association of capable individuals, to unite with myself, in devoting two evenings in the week, for the purpose of teaching the working children the rudiments of education. This association was immediately formed, and continues to flourish, conferring advantages upon the children, most satisfactory and promising. Our Sunday School was now organized with more hopeful prospects. Nine individuals, most of whom are communicants, volunteered their services as teachers, and to the present time, with the exception of a few Sabbaths the past winter, the average attendance has been upwards of fifty children and adults. Within a few months, in addition to this school, I have had stated examinations of one of greater magnitude, in Cherry Valley, four miles distant, conducted by members of the congregational Church as well as our own. On these occasions I usually have services, and preach to a crowded congregation, in a large school room, composed of persons of different denominations. A semi-annual subscription has been raised of $9 for the purpose of keeping the Sunday School supplied with books of instruction; and recently, our excellent friend, Joshua Clapp, Esq., has presented us with a donation of $25 for the use of our Library, which has added to our former stock nearly 100 volumes.

Among the improvements in the appearance of the parish may be mentioned, the alteration in the interior of our church edifice. Intimately connected as are the sentiments of respect and veneration, with external order and fitness, I felt deeply the necessity of some material change for the better, which was cordially responded by all concerned. On this occasion, Mr. Clapp, with his usual liberality, aware of the smallness of our resources, took the whole responsibility upon himself, and with the exception of a few valuable appendages, which we owe to the generosity of three of our worthy parishioners, we are wholly indebted to his disinterested kindness for the present neat and handsome appearance of our church; while these desirable im-

provements have been making in the outworks of our Zion, I trust the Lord has been with us in giving potency to his word, and in building up his people in their most holy faith. A series of lectures were early delivered, explanatory of our excellent Liturgy, which have been repeated in the two other villages connected with the parish; since which I have disposed of 80 Prayer-books at various prices. With a view to meet as far as possible the spiritual exigencies of the parish, I have uniformly devoted the morning and afternoon of the Sabbath to Clappville, besides superintending the Sunday School. At 5 P. M. have held a third service alternately in the two other villages, and when strength permitted, I have held a fourth service at 7 1-2 o'clock, in the school room adjoining the church. In the week, a lecture has been given regularly, on Wednesday evening and on Thursday evening, alternately, in the two other villages. Tuesday and Friday evenings are devoted to the elementary school for the Factory children.

Twenty-two subscribers have been obtained for the "Christian Witness," six for the "Pulpit," and fifteen for the "Temperance Intelligencer."

The attendance at church is a considerable increase upon any former period of its history, and the prospect is still brightening; though there yet exist one or two serious impediments to a more extended ingathering to our Zion. The situation and circumstances also of most of the parishioners are extremely unfavorable to the formation of those auxiliaries to missionary effort, which in other churches are so happily socializing as well as evangelizing the minds of the people. I have however procured a missionary box for each village, and for some months past have, in Clappville, observed the monthly concert of prayer, which has thus far yielded $10 to be appropriated in due time.

Though we can number but a solitary instance or two of apparent conversion to God, one of which is of a most touching character, the Great Head of the Church has, in his providence, sent among us five or six pious families, some of whom are become ardently attached to the Church, and talk seriously of uniting themselves to our communion. May "the Lord add unto us daily such as shall be saved."

The past Sabbath I visited, by invitation, the flourishing village of Webster, 10 miles from C., where I preached at 6 P. M. to a full and very attentive audience in the Baptist Church, which was kindly proffered for the occasion. The prospects, as I learnt from the friends of the Church there, are very encouraging, and seem to warrant the hope of a speedy organization.

HENRY BLACKALLER, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

Baptisms: infants, 5; adult, 1. Communicants: added, 1; died or removed, 5; present number, 28. Marriages, 2. Burials, 11. Sunday School, 116. Missionary contributions, $14.

No considerable change has taken place in the state or prospects of this parish during the past year. The public services on Sunday are well attended, and the preaching of the gospel is listened to with interest by many. A meeting for social worship and familiar instruction and exhortation is held on a week day evening, and is found to be highly useful. The Sunday School is much more numerously attended than at any former time, and seems likely to accomplish much good. Meetings of the teachers once a fortnight have a favorable influence in keeping up the interest and zeal necessary to the prosperity of the school.

Although very few come forward to confess Christ before men, yet I cannot doubt but some good is accomplished by my ministry. A part, at least, of our communicants appear to be growing in grace; and there is some anxiety among others to know what they must do to be saved. Still we have abundant cause for humiliation, and may well inquire why God so far withholds his blessing from us.

DANIEL L. B. GOODWIN.

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

St. Mark's Church, Blandford.

During the last twelve months I have officiated in this parish one half of my time as a missionary. When I commenced my labors here, the Church had scarcely an existence. There were but few, if any, who knew enough of the Church to enable them to join in the responses. But now, through the blessing of God, a happy change has been produced. More than one hundred Prayer-books have been disposed of, and the responsive parts of the services of our Church are performed with a spirit of devotion and accuracy seldom excelled by any congregation. For many Sabbaths after I commenced preaching here, we had no music, nor singers that we could call ours. Now we have a choir of more than fifty, who are able to perform the chants in addition to a large variety of Church music. Then the state of religion and morals was low and discouraging; now there is a happy change for the better. The church is thronged to overflowing, and a serious and marked attention to the preached gospel is becoming more and more apparent. Many, I trust, have been turned from darkness to light, and have experienced

the saving power of divine truth on their hearts. I have visited more than fifty families, and in addition to preaching three times on the Sabbath, have usually held two or three lectures a week in different parts of the society, which have produced good effects.

The number of families belonging to this society is about 40. Whole number of worshippers, from 300 to 400. Confirmed, 5. Communicants: added, 5; whole number, 7. Baptism, 1. Burials, 3. Marriages, 0. It is expected there will be an addition of a number of persons to the communion soon. We have a flourishing Sabbath School, well conducted. Missionary aid is much wanting to enable this society to support preaching—to encourage them to purchase a bell and organ, and to persevere in their efforts to sustain the Church. And perhaps there is no place in the Commonwealth where the gospel is more needed than at Blandford and vicinity. Infidelity in all its hideous forms has taken deep root in the minds of many—and intemperance is making awful ravages among the inhabitants. But still there is a redeeming spirit gone forth. The friends of the Church are uniting their best exertions to promote virtue and piety, and suppress intemperance, and every species of vice, as far as their influence extends. If this society can receive missionary aid for a year or two, there is good reason to believe that they will, after that period, be able to support constant preaching by their own exertions.

CALVIN WOLCOTT, *Minister.*

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

St. James' Church, Greenfield.

Baptisms: infants, 10; adults, 3; total, 13. Communicants: present number, 68. Confirmed, 15. Marriages, 7. Burials, 5. Sunday School, 1—50 scholars. Bible Class, 1—20 members. Missionary Society, 1. Missionary contribution, 50 dollars.

No material change has taken place in this parish since the last Convention.

T. STRONG, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

Baptism, 1, (adult.) Confirmation, 1. Burials, 5. Marriages, 7. Communicants, 36. Members of the Sunday School, 50. Easter collection, $5 50.

The attendance on the regular services of the Church is gradually improving. The number of hearers within three years past has more than doubled. This increase shows the importance of having the services of the Church sustained in this place, though it may be a heavy tax on the liberality of the benevolent institutions of our communion.

The Church here furnishes the means of grace to a part of the community, who are driven from their accustomed places of public worship by the intolerance and restlessness of the times.

Besides the regular services of the Church, frequent lectures are held in remote parts of the town. As this is a Missionary Station, it may be proper that in this report the income of the minister should be stated. The subscription in the parish for the last year amounted to $228. The treasurer of the Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society, by order of the Bishop, paid $50. He also paid an additional $50, deposited with him for the use of the minister of this Church, by an individual unknown to the subscriber. In January last, the Bishop gave me an order on the Treasurer of the Easter Collections, to the amount of $40, for services in the Church at Northampton, performed in 1831.

Although my situation here, in some respects, is attended with many inconveniences, yet the people, among whom I am placed, by their sympathy and attention to my wants, have endeared themselves to me, and by their kindness, induced me the more willingly to spend and be spent in their service, and for the promotion of their spiritual good.

SILAS BLAISDALE, *Rector.*

June 15, 1835.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

This parish was legally organized February 1st, 1834. From that time for six months it suffered for the want of a clergyman. July 13th, of the same year, I commenced preaching in this place; and have continued to officiate alternately here and at Lenox. The services of our Church have been attended by respectable and attentive congregations, in the village academy, which has been kindly yielded to us. The prospects of this Church are encouraging. Stockbridge is one of the pleasantest towns in Berkshire. Its society is highly intelligent and moral;

and the establishment of our Church there, on a permanent footing, promises much usefulness. The best judges are of opinion, that, if we had a church edifice, the labors of a pious minister, under God, would be rewarded by an abundant increase.

I have baptized one, and buried five, in the village, not belonging to our society. There are ten communicants. The Lord's supper has been administered three times, by my neighboring brother clergymen; and in each instance to many members of other communions. The contribution for the Bishop's fund amounts this year to $6 05. A provision of $5 has been made for the contingent fund of the State Convention; and $3 have been subscribed for the distribution of tracts, setting forth the distinctive features of our Church.

I have resided during the winter and spring at Stockbridge, and through the summer and fall at Lenox.

I have preached twice, by invitation, at S. Lee, a manufacturing village a mile distant, and there is a prospect of some accessions to our Church from this quarter.

S. P. Parker, *Minister.*

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

Since June last, I have divided my time between this society and that of Blandford. The prospects of the Church here are truly encouraging. They have a good house, good organ, and ordinarily a large and attentive congregation. The prejudices against the Church are fast vanishing away. The responsive parts of the services of the Church are well sustained by the congregation; and a good degree of serious attention to religion prevails among the people. I have visited about sixty families; and in addition to three services on the Sabbath, have two or three weekly lectures in different parts of the society, which are well attended, and promise much good.

The number of families belonging to the parish, is about 50. Number of communicants, 15; added, 2. Confirmations, 2. Baptisms, 2. Burials, 3. Marriages, 2. Sunday School, flourishing. This society, like Blandford, needs missionary aid very much, especially at this time, when there is a prospect of considerable addition to the society if they could have regular preaching. In addition to my labors at Blandford and Otis, I have recently officiated a few times in a flourishing village called *New Boston*, situated about eight miles from Otis. Large con-

gregations have assembled, and a strong desire is manifested by the most influential inhabitants to form an Episcopal Society. They have sent for half a hundred Prayer-books, and have subscribed liberally to support preaching. This village is more than four miles from any house of public worship ; and about fifty families, it is said, are ready to come forward and unite to sustain the Episcopal Church. I expect we shall organize a parish there soon.

CALVIN WOLCOTT, *Minister.*

St. James' Church, Great Barrington.

Communicants, about 100. Baptisms: adults, 2; children, 4; total, 6. Marriages, 5. Funerals, 14. Sunday Scholars, about 60. Bible Class, about 30.

Since our last parochial report, some changes have taken place in the circumstances of our parish, deserving of notice. The old church, which was much out of repair, and inconveniently situated, at the south of the village, has been taken down, and a new, neat and commodious stone edifice erected in the centre of the village, on an eligible site given by Mr. Silas Sprague, to whose munificence and untired perseverance we are principally indebted, under providence, for this great acquisition to our parish. It is now just finished, and ready for consecration, which is expected to take place on Tuesday, the 23d inst.

The people in the vicinity of the chapel have also furnished a good bell, of ample size, which is esteemed as very convenient. And we are pleased to observe, that there appears to be a good spirit of zeal and perseverance, and love for the Church stirring amongst us generally ; but more especially manifest in the industry of the Ladies' Charitable Sewing Society, in doing much for the poor and distressed, and in furnishing, by their funds, trimmings for the Orchestra, Chancel, Desk, and Pulpit of the new Church.

As our ordinary course of religious exercises have been interrupted, while our new church has been in building, I have visited several other places and preached as follows : I have preached in Great Barrington, one hundred discourses ; in Colebrook, Conn., twenty ; in Hitchcockville, Conn., fifteen ; in Stockbridge, seven, by exchange; in West Stockbridge, one, on a funeral occasion ; in Lenox, four by exchange ; and at our association ; in Lanesborough, two, by exchange ; in Tyringham, one, at a third service : in Hudson, two ; in Egremont, one ; making one hundred and fifty-three in the

past year. During these peregrinations, I have suffered much from storms, cold and fatigue; but by the mercy of God, I have been sustained, and enabled to fulfil my appointments in every instance abroad; and have failed but one Sunday in my own parish by reason of ill health and a severe storm. The Lord be praised and blessed, for his mercy endureth forever.

STURGES GILBERT, *Rector.*

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

Baptisms: infants, 17; adults, 5; total, 22. Confirmed, 14. Communicants: added 17; died or removed, 10; present number, 60. Marriages, 2. Burials, 12. Sunday School, 80. Teachers, 10. Bible Class, 11. Missionary contributions, &c. $936.

The state of this parish continues to be as favorable as at any former period; and it is gratifying to believe that in the minds of all, who are connected therewith, there has been an increase of attachment to the principles and regular order of the Church. Though there have been some losses by removals and by death, their places have been filled by new occupants. Divine service has been held in various parts of the town, and recently, the Rector has opened the Church for a third service on Sunday evenings, on which occasions he is delivering a course of lectures. The spiritual concerns of the parish are in a state of gradual improvement, and the number of persons, added to the communion, during the past year, who are believed to be true penitents, is a gratifying evidence that the word of truth has not been preached in vain. It is hoped, and many prayers have been offered, that the present meeting of the Convention in this parish, will be instrumental in awakening a new and lively interest for "the truth as it is in Jesus."

The Sunday School has lately been re-organized, and the library enlarged. Both promise to be as useful as heretofore. Within a few weeks a Bible Class has been formed, and its prospects are encouraging.

The contributions have been: for the Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society, $60; aid of a feeble Church in Massachusetts, 47; our Sunday School, 26; Episcopal Fund, 28; Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, 350; General Theological Seminary, the Ohio Theological Seminary, and the Kentucky Theological Seminary, each 100—300; circulation of the Bible in the East Indies, 125. The members of the parish have also contributed to the County Bible Society, auxiliary to the American Bible Society, but the amount is not known.

EDWARD BALLARD, *Rector.*

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

Baptisms, 3; one adult. Communicants: added, 4; died, 1; present number, 63. Marriage, 1. Burials, 3. Sunday Scholars, about 40. Bible Classes, 2, and one Society devoted to the general objects of religious charity and benevolence. Contributions for various religious objects, exclusive of the sum raised by the above-named association, and our monthly collections, $47 17—while the contingent expenses of the parish during the year have exceeded $1,000. The condition of this parish, so far as the more general attendance of the people upon public worship, the increase of its resources, and the number of its communicants are concerned, has gradually improved during the last four years. And although the fruit, anticipated from the state of religious feeling which prevailed throughout this county a little more than one year ago, has not been realized, nevertheless it has not suffered from the withering influence of that reaction to the extent so loudly and so justly complained of by others. Amidst much, however, of future promise, and of present prosperity—of readiness to assemble together at all times and in all places for prayer and praise, we regret the backwardness of many in coming to the table of the Lord—in bringing their children to the baptismal font,—and in taking upon themselves the vows and promises made for them. But ever mindful of the fact, that God alone can give the increase; and that this increase cannot be expected without a diligent use of the appointed means of grace, we would still humbly use those means, in the hope that his blessing may attend our feeble efforts, and his service become our chief delight.

Encouraged by a liberal donation from one who is ever ready to forward every good work, an organ, of superior finish and tone, of six stops power, has been secured to our choir, with the most happy results, in sustaining and improving our Church music. Several meetings have been lately holden to consider the expediency and practicability of erecting a house of worship, better calculated to promote the comfort, and advance the prosperity of the parish. Whether the wishes of those most interested will be gratified, depends, under God, upon the result of the efforts which will soon be made.

SAMUEL B. SHAW, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Lenox.

I commenced preaching in this long destitute parish, July 6th, 1834. In consequence of having no clergyman from the fall of '32 till the summer of '34, and the death or removal of many of

its most valuable members, this Church has languished very much. The few that remain are strongly attached to her institutions; but their means are generally small, and they are scattered at a distance from the church. The congregations, though yet thin, have increased. Still we need all the prayers of our brethren to the Great Head of the Church, and large aid from the Missionary Society, to sustain us. Nevertheless, this station, in the shire town of Berkshire, is an important one. Our edifice is surpassed by few country churches in neatness and good taste, and it contains a valuable organ.

Families, 23. Communicants, 35. Baptisms, 2. Burials, 4. A Sunday School was established a year ago, consisting of about 30 children, and it has continued to engage their affections, and promise usefulness—$6 was subscribed to furnish the requisite books. A Bible Class has likewise been in operation, which was well attended, and its exercises highly interesting to people and pastor. I have resided half the time at Lenox, and half the time at Stockbridge, and preached in each place on the alternate Sunday.

S. P. PARKER, *Minister.*

The Rev. Mr. Croswell, of Christ Church, Boston, appeared and took his seat as a member of this Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ballard,

Resolved, When the Convention adjourn, it shall be to assemble immediately after morning service.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq.,

Resolved, That the Secretary and Treasurer be a Committee for printing the Journal of this Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Morss, and Jacob B. Morss, a lay-delegate, from St.Paul's Church, Newburyport; Benjamin Howard, a lay-delegate from Grace Church, Boston; Eli Knox, a lay-delegate from St. Mark's Church, Blandford—asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the clergy of the Episcopal Church in this State, who have the constant charge of regular parishes, be requested and authorized by the Convention to supply any destitute parishes in their immediate vicinity for two Sundays during the ensuing year.

The Convention then attended Divine service. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Judah, of St. John's Church, Troy, New York, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Croswell, of Christ Church, Boston. A Sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Smith, of Kentucky, from Acts 10th chapter, 43d verse: *To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.* The Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold then administered the Apostolic rite of Confirmation. Public worship being concluded, the Convention again assembled, as before, in the body of the church, and proceeded to business.

The Rev. Dr. Wainwright, Rector of Trinity Church, Boston, appeared, and took his seat as a member of the Convention.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq.,

Resolved, That the committee appointed to print the journal, cause four hundred copies to be issued.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ballard, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Strong.

Resolved, That this Convention regard with favor the establishment of the religious paper called the Christian Witness, and commend its circulation among the members of the Church in this State and elsewhere.

The Treasurer's account, in his absence, was presented and read by the Secretary, when

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq.,

Resolved, That the same be accepted, and printed with the journal.

On motion of Samuel Cutler, Esq., seconded by Edward A. Newton, Esq.,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of establishing a Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in the Diocese of Massachusetts, and to report at the next Convention.

Caleb Hyde, Milton Ball, Ambrose Andrews, lay-delegates from St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge; Nehemiah Talcott, Jason Newton, lay-delegates from St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough; Jacob Burghardt, Casper Hollenbreck, and Eber Stone, lay-

delegates from St. James' Church, Great Barrington; Charles C. C. Mower and Thomas Rogers, lay-delegates from St. John's Church, Northampton,—asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Convention adjourned to meet after Divine service this afternoon.

Agreeably to previous arrangement, a missionary meeting was held in St. Stephen's Church, at half-past 3 o'clock, P. M. After devotional exercises, conducted by the Secretary, a large and attentive congregation were successively addressed on the subject of missions, by the Rev. Mr. Stone, of St. Paul's Church, Boston, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Smith, Bishop of Kentucky, the Rev. Dr. Milnér, of St. George's Church, New York, and the Rev. Dr. Wainwright, of Trinity Church, Boston. The congregation having retired, the Convention again assembled in the body of the church.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to nominate five persons, to whom the subject of the Theological Seminary be referred.

Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Strong and Samuel Cutler, Esq. were appointed to compose said committee.

On motion of the Secretary,

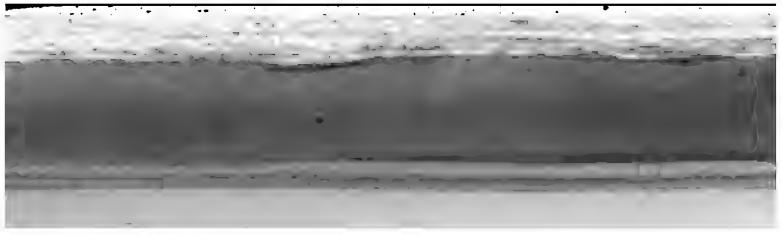
Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be and hereby are tendered to the congregation of St. Stephen's, and to the other friends of the Church in this place, for their hospitality and kindness extended to the members of the same during the present session; and also an assurance of earnest prayer being offered to the great Head of the Church, that they may be blessed with an increase of spiritual and temporal prosperity.

The committee, appointed to nominate suitable persons to whom the subject of a Theological Seminary should be referred, reported the names of the following gentlemen:

Clergy.	Laity.
Rt. Rev. Dr. Griswold,	Simon Greenleaf, Esq.
Rev. Dr. Wainwright,	Edward Tuckerman, Esq.
Rev. Mr. Edson,	

They further recommended, that in case any of this com-

APPENDIX.



Dr. **Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, in account with ISAAC BOYLE, Treasurer.** *Cr.*

1834.				1834.			
June 18.	To sundry postages, in 1833,	$	87	June 18.	By balance of old account,	$	145 14
	Bishop's bill at Northampton, (voucher No. 1,)		2 50		Sums received of the following Churches, for contingent expenses, under the Canon of 1828:		
Aug. 16.	Paid Right Rev. Bishop Griswold, by order of Standing Committee, (No. 2,)		100 00	Nov. 28.	St. Paul's Church, Boston,		37 50
Nov. 3.	" Rev. Matthias Munroe, for travelling expenses, (No. 3,)		7 50	1835.			
28.	" J. B. Dow's bill printing Journal, for 1834, (No. 4.)		57 99	May 12.	St. Anne's Church, Lowell,		12 00
1835.				24.	Christ Church, Clappville,		7 50
June 19.	Paid Rev. S. Gilbert, for travelling expenses, (No. 5,)		7 50	June 2.	St. Peter's Church, Salem,		9 00
	" Sundry postages in 1834 and 1835,		1 00	3.	Christ Church, Cambridge,		5 00
	" for copying records of the Convention, for 1832, 1833, and 1834, (No. 6,)		20 00	5.	Christ Church Boston, $15; do. for 1835, $15,		30 00
	To balance to new account,		99 78	11.	Grace Church, Boston,		8 00
					Trinity Church, Bridgewater,		4 50
		$	297 14	13.	St. Paul's Church, Dedham,		7 50
				17.	St. James's Church, Great Barrington,		6 00
					St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge,		5 00
					St. James's Church, Greenfield,		6 00
					St. Mark's Church, Blandford,		5 00
					St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, for 1835.		9 00
						$	297 14
				June 19.	By balance old account,	$	99 78

Boston, June 19, 1835. **Errors excepted.** **ISAAC BOYLE,**
Treasurer of Mass. Convention.

The Treasurer is obliged, by the Canon of 1828, to report the following Churches as having omitted to comply with its requisitions, viz: St. Matthew's, South Boston; St. Paul's, Newburyport; Christ Church, Quincy; St. Thomas's, Taunton; St. Luke's, Leneshorough; St. John's, Ashfield.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS, ESTABLISHED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1830.

Church.	Place.	Minister.	Baptisms.		Communicants.			Confirmed	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Schools.*	Bible Class.*	Missionary Societies.	Missionary Contributions.
			Infants.	Adults.	Added.	Died or removed.	Present number.							

N. B. It is expected, that the Clergyman will make such observations, as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish, and of his ministerial services, during the past year.

* Under these heads, it is desirable that the number of members should be stated.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Counties.	Towns.	Churches.	Ministers.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	S. School Scholars.	Bible Class.	Miss. Societies.	Miss. Contributions.
				Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Died or removed.	Added.	Present number.							
Suffolk.	Boston	Trinity	J. M. Wainwright, D. D.	34	4	38	†	†	250		11	21	208	†	†	340,34
		Christ	William Croswell	45	3	48	3	15	170	9	18	24	320	†	†	200,00
		St. Paul's	John S. Stone	6	6	18	22	43	225	26	3	6	113	50	1	1350,00
		Grace	Zachariah Mead	16	6	22	4	33	70	29	4	8	150	30	1	255,00
		St. Matthew's	Horace L. Conolly	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Norfolk.	Quincy	Christ	Daniel Leach	16	3	19	1	7	52	†	2	4	80	†	†	100,00
	Dedham	St. Paul's	Samuel B. Babcock	3	1	4	1	6	30	3	†	4	30	†	†	†
	Roxbury	St. James'	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Essex.	Newburyport	St. Paul's	James Morse, D. D.	13	3	16	7	17	96	†	2	10	80	†	3	80,00
	Methoen	Mt. Zion	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Salem	St. Peter's	John A. Vaughan	4	4	8	15	23	75	19	7	13	70	20	2	277,00
	Marblehead	St. Michael's	William H. Lewis	19	4	23	3	23	86	13	8	8	90	†	3	152,00
	Amesbury	St. James'	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Middlesex.	Cambridge	Christ	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Newton, L. Falls	St. Mary's	Alfred L. Baury	11	1	12	4	3	68	0	7	15	90	40	2	160,00
	Hopkinton	St. Paul's	Francis A. Foxcroft	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Lowell	St. Anne's	Theodore Edson	48	8	56	8	22	108	35	5	16	150	15	2	300,00
Hampshire.	Northampton	St. John's	Vacant	3	1	4	†	2	18	†	2	1	†	†	†	†
Plymouth.	Hanover	St. Andrew's	Samuel G. Appleton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Marshfield	Trinity	Josiah M. Bartlett	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bristol.	Bridgewater	Trinity	Matthias Munroe	3	1	4	†	†	30	†	1	7	45	†	1	21,00
	Taunton	St. Thomas'	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Worcester.	New Bedford	Grace	Nath'l T. Bent.	†	10	10	8	15	32	13	2	2	75	†	1	†
	Clappville	Christ	Henry Blackaller	6	†	6	11	12	51	†	3	4	55	†	1	47,50
	Wilkinsonville	St. John's	Daniel L. B. Goodwin	5	1	6	5	1	28	†	2	11	116	†	†	14,00
Hampden.	Springfield	St. Paul's	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Southwick	———	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Blandford	St. Mark's	Calvin Wolcott	†	†	1	†	5	7	5	0	3	†	†	†	†
Franklin.	Greenfield	St. James'	Titus Strong	10	3	13	†	†	68	15	7	5	50	20	1	50,00
	Montague	Trinity	Rodolphus Dickinson	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Ashfield	St. John's	Silas Blaisdale	†	1	1	†	†	36	0	7	5	50	†	†	5,50
Berkshire.	Otis	St. Paul's	Calvin Wolcott	†	†	2	†	2	15	2	2	3	†	†	†	†
	Lenox	Trinity	Samuel P. Parker	†	†	2	†	†	35	†	†	4	†	†	†	†
	Lanesborough	St. Luke's	Samuel B. Shaw	2	1	3	1	4	63	†	1	3	40	†	1	47,17
	Great Barrington	St. James'	Sturges Gilbert	4	2	6	†	†	100	†	5	14	60	30	†	†
	Pittsfield	St. Stephen's	Edward Ballard	17	5	22	10	17	60	14	2	12	80	11	†	936,00
	Stockbridge	St. Paul's	Samuel P. Parker	†	†	1	†	†	10	†	†	3	†	†	†	†
			Total	259	62	345	103	250	1783	183	101	208	1932	216	20	4242,01

* No report. † Numbers not reported. ‡ None reported. § Not specified.

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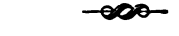
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

AS AMENDED

IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1834.



ARTICLE I.

This Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth, at Boston, on the third Wednesday in June, in every year; unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop, and the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergymen of the Church, of whatever order, being a settled minister, or regularly officiating in some parish within this Commonwealth; or being a President, Professor, Tutor, or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Commonwealth, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this State for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman, otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

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New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

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The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But in case of a vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

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NOTICE.

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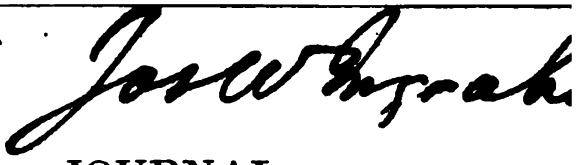
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A LIST OF THE CLERGY

BELONGING TO THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

JUNE, A. D. 1836.

The Rt. Rev. ALEXANDER VIETS GRISWOLD, D. D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, Boston.

The Rev. SAMUEL G. APPLETON, Rector of St. Andrews Church, Hanover.

The Rev. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

The Rev. EDWARD BALLARD, Rector of St. Stephen's Church Pittsfield.

The Rev. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

The Rev. HENRY BLACKALLER, Rector of Christ Church, Clappville.

The Rev. JOHN L. BLAKE.

The Rev. ISAAC BOYLE, occasionally officiating in the city and vicinity, Boston.

The Rev. NATHANIEL T. BENT, Rector of Grace Church, New Bedford.

The Rev. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, residing in Dorchester.

The Rev. THOMAS H. CLARK, Jr., Deacon, officiating in Grace Church, Boston.

The Rev. WILLIAMS CHADERTON, officiating in St. John's Church, Northampton.

The Rev. Horace L. Conolly, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

The Rev. William Croswell, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

The Rev. Henry M. Davis, Deacon, officiating in St. James' Church, Amesbury.

The Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D., Domestic Missionary, Boston.

The Rev. Theodore Edson, Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

The Rev. James Everett, Chaplain in the United States Navy, Charlestown.

The Rev. S. Moody Emery, Deacon.

The Rev. Francis A. Foxcroft, residing in Boston.

The Rev. Sturges Gilbert, Rector of St. James' Church, Great Barrington.

The Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, Rector of St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

The Rev. Patrick H. Greenleaf, Deacon, Cambridge.

The Rev. Samuel Hassard, Rector of St. Thomas Church, Taunton.

The Rev. George F. Haskins, Chaplain in the House of Reformation, Boston.

The Rev. Mark A. D'W. Howe, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge, and Editor of the Christian Witness, Boston.

The Rev. Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., Professor in Washington College, Hartford, Connecticut.

The Rev. Abraham Kaufman, Jr., Deacon.

The Rev. Daniel Leach, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy.

The Rev. William H. Lewis, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

The Rev. John T. Lothrop, Deacon, Boston.

The Rev. Zechariah Mead, officiating in St. Stephen's Church, New York.

The Rev. Samuel M'Burney, officiating in Springfield.

The Rev. James Morss, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

The Rev. Samuel P. Parker, Deacon, Stockbridge.

The Rev. WILLLIAM STAUNTON, Rector of St. James' Church, Roxbury.

The Rev. SAMUEL B. SHAW, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough,

The Rev. HORATIO SOUTHGATE, Jr., Missionary to Persia.

The Rev. JOHN S. STONE, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

The Rev. TITUS STRONG, Rector of St. James' Church, Greenfield.

The Rev. JAMES TYNG, officiating in Andover.

The Rev. THOMAS H. VAIL, Deacon, officiating in Worcester.

The Rev. JOHN A. VAUGHAN, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.

The Rev. JONATHAN M. WAINWRIGHT, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. MILTON WARD, Deacon, officiating at Lynn.

The Rev. WILLIAM WARLAND, Jr., Deacon, Minister of Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

The Rev. JOHN L. WATSON, officiating in Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, Rector of the School for Moral Discipline, South Boston.

The Rev. GORDON WINSLOW, Deacon.

The Rev. CALVIN WOLCOTT, officiating in St. Mark's Church, Blandford, and St. Paul's Church, Otis. [Total, 50.]

The Rev. RODOLPHUS DICKINSON, of the Diocese of South Carolina, residing in Deerfield—officiating part of his time in Trinity Church, Montague.

The Rev. GALEN HICKS, of the Diocese of South Carolina, residing in Taunton.

The Rev. WILLIAM WITHINGTON, of the Diocese of New York, residing in Dorchester.

St. Paul's Church, Boston. Edward Tuckerman, William B. Reynolds, Samuel Cutler.

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston. John Cook.

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead. Thomas Evans, Samuel B. Russell.

St. James' Church, Roxbury. Thomas W. Haskins.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover. Reuben Curtis, Robert Curtis, George Cook.

Grace Church, New Bedford. Joseph Hooker, John Fuller.

St. Peter's Church, Salem. John Howard, Thomas Needham, John. M. Ives.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport. Edward S. Rand, Nathaniel Foster, Moses Merrill.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. Addison Merrill.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham. Theron Metcalf, William Thurston.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater. Silas Warren, John Edson.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. Evan Simmons, Jephthah P. Newton.

Christ Church, Clappville. Thomas Bottomly, H. A. Pettibone, Dexter Fairbanks.

Christ Church, Cambridge. Isaac Lum.

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls. Ezra Warren.

St. Mark's Church, Blandford. John Goold, Logan Crosby.

St. Paul's Church, Otis. William Beard, Ezra Kingsley.

Christ Church, Quincy. Zebediah Hollis, Albert Pratt.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell. Elisha Huntington.

The Convention being declared duly organized, proceeded to business.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, To dispense, in the election of a Secretary, with the seventh article of the constitution requiring all elections to be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered.

Whereupon, the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls, being nominated and voted for, was declared by the President, Secretary of the Convention for the year ensuing.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stone,

Resolved, That a committee consisting of three clerical and

two lay members be appointed to examine the list of clergymen, together with the certificates of lay delegates, to report who of the former are, and who are not members of this Convention ; also who of the laity are constitutionally entitled to seats in the same.

Whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Stone, the Rev. Mr. Strong, the Rev. Dr. Morss, of the clergy, Edward Tuckerman, Esq. and Thomas Needham, Esq., of the laity, were appointed to compose said committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ballard, the standing rules of order were then read by the Secretary, as follows:

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Morning Service of the Church shall be performed every day, during the session of this Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. Every member, who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the question.

8. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone it ; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

10. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the President leave his chair.

The Secretary having laid before the Convention the evidence required by the fourth article of the constitution for the admission of new parishes, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Wolcott,

Resolved, That St. James' Church, Amesbury and Salisbury, be admitted into union with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts.

Whereupon, Mr. Joseph Collins and Dr. Moses Carter appeared, and were received as delegates from said Church.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wolcott, the Convention proceeded to elect by nomination a Treasurer for the year ensuing,

When the Rev. Isaac Boyle, of the city of Boston, was declared duly chosen.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Babcock,

Resolved, That such of the clergy as are not constitutionally members of this Convention, visiting clergymen, and candidates for holy orders, be admitted to the sittings of the same.

When the following gentlemen took their seats:—

The Rev. Messrs. Boyle, Lothrop, Winslow, Clinch, Vail, Warland, Tyng, Staunton, Watson, and Clark, of Massachusetts.

The Rev. Francis H. Cuming, Secretary of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, New York.

The Rev. Robert Davis, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. George C. Shepard, Rector of Christ Church, Stratford, Connecticut.

The Rev. John T. Sabine, of the Diocese of Vermont.

The Rev. Benjamin Hale, of New Hampshire.

The Rev. Benjamin C. C. Parker, Rector of St. James' Church, Woodstock, Vermont.

The Rev. John Hall, of the Diocese of Ohio.

Messrs. James B. Goodwin and Patrick H. Greenleaf, candidates for Holy Orders.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Cutler,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn to meet immediately after divine service. Adjourned accordingly.

Morning prayer was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Strong, of St. James' Church, Greenfield. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop read the ante-communion service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough, from Revelation, 2d chap. 10th verse: *Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.* In the expected absence of Bishop Griswold, the holy communion was administered at his request by the Rev. Mr. Strong, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Shaw. At the conclusion of which, the congregation having withdrawn, the Convention assembled as before in the body of the church. The Bishop, having previously nominated, in case of absence, the Rev. Dr. Morss, he was called to the chair as President pro tem.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the reading of parochial reports be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The Rev. Mr. Stone, from the committee on the subject of claims to seats, presented the following:—

The Committee on the Claims of Clergy and Laity to seats in this Convention, having attended to the duty assigned them, beg leave respectfully to Report,

That, of the *lay delegates*, all whose certificates of election have been read, are entitled to seats; and that, of *the clergy*, the following, actually and canonically resident within this Commonwealth, and otherwise qualified according to article third of the constitution, are entitled to seats:

Right Rev. A.V. Griswold, D.D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese; Rev. Messrs. Samuel G. Appleton, Samuel B. Babcock, Edward Ballard, A. L. Baury, H. Blackaller, N. T. Bent, Wm. Chaderton, H. L. Conolly, W. Croswell, H. M. Davis, Asa Eaton, D. D., Theodore Edson, James Everett, Sturges Gilbert, D. L. B. Goodwin, George F. Haskins, Samuel Hassard, M. A. D'W. Howe, Daniel Leach, Wm. H. Lewis, James Morss, D.D., Samuel B. Shaw, John S. Stone, Titus Strong, John A. Vaughan, Jonathan M. Wainwright, D.D., Milton Ward, E. M. P. Wells, and Calvin Wolcott.

The following, though actually resident within the Commonwealth, yet not being constitutionally qualified, are not entitled to seats:

Rev. Messrs. Isaac Boyle, Joseph H. Clinch, Thomas G. Clark, Jr., Francis A. Foxcroft, John P. Lothrop, Samuel M'Burney, Samuel P. Parker, Wm. Staunton, James H. Tyng, Thomas H. Vail, Gordon Winslow, John L. Watson, and Wm. Warland, Jr.

The following, though canonically resident within the Commonwealth, yet not being actually so, are not entitled to seats:

Rev. Messrs. John L. Blake, S. Moody Emery, Samuel F. Jarvis, D. D., Abm. Kaufman, Jr., Zechariah Mead, H. Southgate, Jr.

All which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee.

(Signed) JOHN S. STONE, *Chairman.*

On motion of Rev. Mr. Babcock, the above report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

The Secretary then laid before the Convention the following document:—

BOSTON, June 15, 1836.

The undersigned Wardens of the late *parish* of Grace Church in the city of Boston, herewith present to the State Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Massachusetts, a copy of a vote passed at the last annual meeting of the said *parish*, duly certified by the Clerk of the same.

At the Easter meeting of the parish of Grace Church in Boston, in 1836, it was

Voted, unanimously, That, whereas this parish has, by the blessing of Almighty God, accomplished, with the help of many friends, the erection of the new Church in Temple-street, which it is expected will be finished in course of a few weeks; therefore,

Voted, That when said building has been consecrated and set apart for the public worship of Almighty God, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, this parish now worshipping in Amory Hall, be dissolved, and that the Wardens be a committee to notify the Right Rev. Bishop Griswold and the State Convention, of the same.

F. W. SOUTHACK, *Clerk.*

In discharge of the duty thus assigned us, we do hereby give notice of the same to the Right Rev. Bishop, and to the Convention now assembled in Grace Church in this city.

BENJ. HOWARD, } *Wardens.*
OTIS DANIELL, }

BOSTON, June 15, 1836.

The undersigned Wardens and Vestry of the corporation of Grace Church in the city of Boston, hereby respectfully notify the State Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Massachusetts, that the members of said corporation are duly organized as an Episcopal Church according to the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, and request to be admitted into union with the Convention of the same.

BENJ. HOWARD, } *Wardens.*
OTIS DANIELL, }

E. F. MESSINGER,
F. W. SOUTHACK,
CHESTER DANIELL, } *Vestrymen.*
BARNUM FIELD,
EDWARD S. RAND,

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wolcott,

Resolved, That Grace Church Corporation be received into union with this Convention.

Whereupon, Messrs. Benjamin Howard, Otis Daniell, and Barnum Field took their seats as members of this Convention from said Church.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn, it shall be to meet at St. Paul's Church, at 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

The Convention then adjourned.

St. Paul's Church, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment. Right Rev. Bishop Griswold in the chair.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of two clerical and one lay member, be appointed to consider the place of meeting,

and to appoint a preacher, with a substitute, for the next annual Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Croswell, the Rev. Mr. Strong, and Edward Tuckerman, Esq., were appointed to compose said committee.

James Cook, Esq., a delegate from St. Anne's Church, Lowell, appeared, and took his seat.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ballard,

Resolved, That the Secretary and Treasurer be a committee for printing the Journal of this Convention, and that they cause seven hundred copies to be issued.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Morss,

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to elect, by ballot, the Standing Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Ballard, and Mr. John Edson, were appointed tellers; who reported the whole number of votes to be thirty—necessary to a choice, sixteen. The following gentlemen having that number, were declared duly elected,

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

Clergy.	Laity.
Rev. John S. Stone,	Henry Codman, Esq.
" Jona. M. Wainwright, D.D.	Edward Tuckerman, Esq.
" William Croswell.	Benja. P. Richardson, Esq.

The Rev. Dr. Morss asked and obtained leave to lay before the Convention the following document:—

At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Episcopal Sunday School Society, held on Wednesday morning, June 15, 1836, it was

Resolved, That it be respectfully recommended to the Convention of Massachusetts, at their present session, to take measures for the appointment of a permanent committee on Sunday Schools, to whom shall be committed the whole charge and management of the Sunday School cause in this State, under the control of the Convention; or to take such other measures for the promotion of the interests of Sunday Schools, as the Convention may deem expedient.

Resolved, that in case the Convention appoint such a committee, or take any measures to effect the object contemplated by the above resolution, then this Society, as such, be dissolved.

Rev. James Morss, D. D., and Rev. Samuel B. Babcock, were

appointed a committee to bring the subject before the Convention. Attest, JOSEPH W. INGRAHAM, *Sec'y.*

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Morss,

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of three of the clergy and two of the laity, be now appointed, to whom the subject of Sunday Schools be referred, to report at the present or next annual Convention.

Whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Stone, the Rev. Dr. Morss, the Rev. Mr. Vaughan, Messrs. Samuel Cutler and Benjamin Howard, were appointed to compose said committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wolcott,

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to elect, by ballot, Delegates to the General Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Ballard and Mr. John Edson acting as tellers, reported the whole number of votes to be thirty-one—necessary to a choice, sixteen. The following gentlemen having that number, were declared duly chosen,

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Clergy.	Laity.
Rev. John S. Stone,	Edward A. Newton, Esq.
" Jona. M. Wainwright, D. D.	Simon Greenleaf, Esq.
" James Morss, D. D.	Edward Tuckerman, Esq.
" Alfred L. Baury.	Theron Metcalf, Esq.

The committee on the place of meeting for the next annual Convention, reported, St. Paul's Church, Boston. The Rev. Mr. Croswell the first, and the Rev. Mr. Vaughan, second preacher.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Shaw, this report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint a preacher for to-morrow morning.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Morss,

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of two clergymen and one lay member, be appointed to examine the third article of the constitution, and report upon the expediency of amending the same.

The Rev. Dr. Morss, the Rev. Mr. Stone, and the Hon. Theron Metcalf, were appointed to compose said committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stone,

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn, it shall be to assemble at Grace Church, to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Convention then adjourned.

Service at night by the Rev. Dr. Morss, of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport; and a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Cuming, Secretary of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union.

Grace Church, Thursday, 16th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment. Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold having taken the chair, the roll was then called. Present as before, with the accession of Rev. Theodore Edson, Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lowell. The following communication from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention, was then read.

New York, May 10, 1836.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir,

In compliance with the requisitions of the Fiftieth Canon, I take this opportunity to transmit to you, for the information of the Convention composing the Eastern Diocese, the following notice of matters submitted by the last General Convention to the consideration of the Diocesan Conventions.

Resolved, That the following alterations in the Constitution of the Protestent Episcopal Church in the United States of America, be, and are hereby proposed, and that they be made known to the several State Conventions.

Article 5th to be altered so as to read as follows:

A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United States, or any Territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted, on acceding to this Constitution; and a new diocese to be formed from one or more existing dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions.

No new diocese shall be formed or erected within the limits of any other diocese, nor shall any diocese be formed by the junction of two or more dioceses or parts of dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each of the dioceses concerned, as well as of the General Convention.

No such new diocese shall be formed, which shall contain

less than 8,000 square miles in one body, and thirty presbyters, who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new diocese, regularly settled in a parish or congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop. Nor shall such new diocese be formed, if thereby any existing diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than 8,000 square miles, or less than thirty presbyters who have been residing therein, and settled and qualified as above mentioned.

In case one diocese shall be divided into two dioceses, the diocesan of the diocese divided, may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall thereupon become the diocesan thereof, and the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, may elect the one to which he will be attached; and if it be not the one elected by the Bishop, he shall be the Diocesan thereof.

Whenever the division of a diocese into two dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of the two dioceses shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the diocese so divided, except as local circumstances prevent, until the same may be altered in either diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing dioceses, the new diocese shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of that one of the said existing dioceses to which the greater number of clergymen shall have belonged, prior to the erection of such new diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new diocese.

Strike out the word "States" wherever it occurs in the first and second articles, except where it follows the word "United" in the first part of the first article, and insert in lieu of the word "States" the word "Dioceses." Strike out the word "States" whenever it occurs in the second, third, and fourth articles, and insert in lieu thereof the word "Diocese."

Strike out the words "or district" in the fourth article.

Strike out the word "State" in the sixth article, and insert the word "Diocese."

Strike out the word "States" in the eighth article, and insert the word "Dioceses": and in the eighth article strike out the words "or State" after the words "every Diocese."

Strike out the word "States" in the ninth article, and insert the word "Dioceses." Strike out the word "State" in the ninth article, and insert the word "Diocesan."

Resolved, That it be made known to the Convention of every

Diocese, that it is proposed to add to the Note on the Table of Movable Feasts, according to the several days that Easter can possibly fall upon, the words "unless the table gives some day in the month of March for it, for in that case the day given by the table is the right day."

A true Copy of the above Resolutions, as concurred in by both Houses in General Convention, 1835.

Attest, HENRY ANTHON, *Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.*

Right Rev. Bishop Griswold.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Stone,

Resolved, That the consideration of the same be deferred to the next Annual Convention; and that reading of Parochial Reports, which was made the order of the day, yesterday, be now entered upon.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

Baptisms: adults, 2; infants, 32; total, 34. Communicants: died, 6; removed, 19; added, 17; total, about 250. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 8. Deaths, 18. Sunday school, 1; number of teachers, 30; pupils, 135. Bible Class, 1. Missionary Society, 1. Contributions to Missions and other religious objects, $5225. Families, about 150.

The Rector regrets the small increase of communicants during the past year, which he is compelled to report; though he is humbly thankful to God, that there are evidences among the people of his charge of growing spirituality, and devotion to the cause of Christ. This is manifest, not only in that substantial proof, which is contained in their increasing liberality to objects of great and vital importance, but also in their growingly ready and serious entertainment of those renewing and

sanctifying truths of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, which, when received by faith, are the power of God unto salvation. From these indications the Rector cannot but hope that the seed, which has been sown in their minds, is already germinating, and that it will soon spring up and bring forth fruits in holiness and in abundance.

The state of the Sunday school is prosperous, though its prosperity is somewhat retarded by the want of a properly arranged school room. Five thousand dollars having been raised for the erection of a new chapel, or vestry, it is hoped that this want will be soon supplied. During the past year our Sunday school has been made auxiliary to the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union; and $200 pledged to the funds of that great institution. All the monies named in this paragraph are exclusive of the $5225 before mentioned in this report.

The Bible Class has lately taken the form of a general weekly Bible Lecture, and has increasingly interested the members of the parish.

The Monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions is regularly observed; a good degree of interest is excited by its exercises; and the contributions which it secures to the work of missions are encouraging.

It is expected, that, if favored of God, a new Missionary Society will soon be organized, and be the means of giving greater vigor and efficiency than ever to the action of the parish in the greatest and best of all our Church's enterprizes.

JOHN S. STONE, *Rector.*

Christ Church, Boston.

Baptisms: infants, 45. Communicants: added, 8; died, 7; removed, 5: present number, 166. Confirmed, none. Marriages, 19. Burials, 26. Sunday school scholars, 300. One Missionary Society. Contributions to Missionary and Ecclesiastical objects through the "offerings of the Church," 800 dollars. To charitable and benevolent purposes, 320 dollars.

The condition of this parish continues to be prosperous, and the history of the year is, in some respects, a memorable one. The occasion should not be allowed to pass without bearing testimony to the interesting state of things which has resulted from the introduction of the "apostolic plan of systematic charity" known so extensively in the Church under the name of the "Weekly Offerings." It will be perceived that the Missionary receipts greatly exceed those of any previous year. The amount has been augmented far beyond our own expectations, and will appear remarkable, as compared with the means of our members, if not as compared with the returns of the other parishes. A monthly Missionary Lecture has been regularly delivered in

connection with this object; and three full services are performed on every Lord's day, in sustaining which many thanks are due to the clergy of the city and vicinity for their frequent and kind assistance.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, it has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to deprive this parish of several valuable members. Among that number was the late Junior Warden, Mr. Frederick Clark; and the Rector desires to record his affecting sense of the loss which all the interests of the Church sustain by this bereavement. "The memory of the just is blessed!"

W. CROSWELL, *Rector.*

Grace Church, Boston.

Communicants about 60. Confirmed, 14. Burials, 3. Sunday school scholars, about 100. Bible class, between 30 and 40.

During the year past, this parish has continued to worship in Amory Hall, until Sunday last, when services were held by them at that place for the last time. After having occupied temporary places of worship for several years past, the labors of this parish, aided by the liberal patronage and services of members of the other Epicopal churches in this city, have been blessed, by the erection of the new church in Temple street, which was yesterday consecrated to the service of Almighty God.

During the erection of this edifice by the corporation of Grace Church, it was necessary to keep the parish and the corporation distinct from each other, as the latter was not in any way liable for the expenses or doings of the former.

In accordance with a unanimous vote at their last Easter meeting, this *parish* is now dissolved, and the *corporation of Grace Church in the city of Boston*, will, at the present Convention, make application to be admitted into connection with the same. The Wardens and a majority of the Parish Vestry, were, at the Easter meeting of the proprietors, unanimously elected to the same offices in the new Church, and the members of the parish generally, will unite themselves to the same

Copy of the vote above referred to:

"Whereas this parish has, by the blessing of Almighty God, accomplished, with the help of many friends, the erection of the new church in Temple street, which it is expected will be finished and ready for consecration in the course of a few weeks, therefore voted, That when said building has been consecrated and set apart for the public worship of Almighty God, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, this parish, now worshipping in Amory Hall be dissolved, and that the Wardens be a commit-

tee to notify the Rt. Rev. Bishop and the State Convention of the same."

In discharge of the duty thus assigned us, we have already given notice to the Rt. Rev. Bishop and to the Convention, and it gives us pleasure to add, that the cessation of the existence of this parish, and the transfer of its members to the new Church, has taken place in the most harmonious manner, and under encouraging auspices in regard to future operations in their new field of labor.

BENJ. HOWARD, } *Wardens.*
OTIS DANIELL, }

St. Matthew's Church, Boston.

Baptisms: Infant and Children, 17. Communicants: added, 10; died or removed, 5; present number, 40. Marriages, 2. Burials, 10. Sunday scholars, 125. Bible Class, 15. Missionary Society, 1. Missionary Contributions, $155.

The Rector has been connected with St. Matthew's Church, about one year, during which time he has had to pass through many seasons of trial and difficulty, but he is now encouraged to hope that the Church is relieved from all the causes of its embarrassment.

During the past year the congregation has been increased by the accession of twenty-five families—harmony and peace prevail through the whole.

A debt of upwards of a thousand dollars, with an attachment on the church for the same, after having remained a number of years, are now being happily removed and settled. Nor should the Rector omit to notice the laudable exertions of the ladies of his parish. Through their industry and perseverance the sum of three hundred dollars was raised and expended in carpeting and improving the interior of the church. The further sum of one hundred and fifty-five dollars has also been raised for missionary, charitable, and other purposes connected with the Church.

The system of "weekly offerings" has been introduced, and operates with favorable results. The sum raised this year for missionary and charitable purposes, is nearly as much as has in years past been raised for the support of the minister.

The Rector has reason to hope that the religious state of the Church is keeping pace with its temporal.

Those who are acquainted with the history and former condition of St. Matthew's Church, must indeed confess that the Lord hath been with us, and multiplied his blessings upon us.

HORACE L. CONOLLY, *Rector.*

Episcopal Missionary Chapel, 46 Washington street, Boston.

Baptisms: children, 50. Communicants, about 100. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 12. Burials, 26. Sunday school scholars, about 50. This report includes the last three years.

ASA EATON, *Minister.*

House of Reformation, South Boston.

Baptisms: children, 9. Burials, 4. Sunday school scholars, 60. Bible class, 12.

The undersigned has performed parochial duties during the past year, at the House of Reformation, during which time he has read the Morning and Evening Service of the Church, and preached twice a day every Sunday, and on Wednesday evening. His labors, he trusts, have not been unblessed.

GEO. F. HASKINS, *Chaplain of House of Reformation.*

*School for Moral Discipline.**

The School for Moral Discipline has been in operation two and a half years, and has embraced 160 boys from 10 to 19 years of age.

The number is limited at 100, and it has been for the year past, and is now, full. During the past year we have performed public worship in our chapel, rubrically and canonically, as established by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. We have the usual services of Sunday, and a lecture on Wednesday evening. The Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent, and every day of Passion Week, were observed as fast and prayer days. On Sundays, we have a class of 36 boys in moral science, and a Sunday school of 60. Our school pays to the Missionary Society the weekly offering of the Church, agreeably to the plan adopted for families—one cent per week for those under 12 years, and two cents for those over 12 years. We have 120 worshipers, 12 communicants, have baptized 6, have paid $375 to missionary and other charitable religious objects, and have given three free and four half-pay scholarships for unfortunate boys.

E. M. P. WELLS, *Rector of the School for M. D.*

NORFOLK COUNTY.

Christ Church, Quincy.

Baptisms: children 4. Communicants: added, 7; died, 2; present number, 57. Marriages, 1. Burials, 8. Sunday School, 80. Missionary contributions, $50 for foreign missions, and $50 have been raised by the Ladies' Sewing Circle, which has been appropriated to our own Church.

There has not been much change during the past year, either in the temporal or spiritual state of this parish. The congrega-

* The title, *Moral Discipline*, is used to distinguish the school from those schools whose chief object is literary and scientific culture. Our object is chiefly the cultivation and discipline of the heart, thus to make disciples of Jesus Christ, and this we do not find hinders the cultivation of the intellect. Why should it?

tion has gradually increased—and there are some indications that the Spirit of God is operating upon the hearts of some, convincing them of sin, and leading them to seek salvation by faith in Christ.

Extraordinary efforts have been made by the members of this parish to relieve it entirely from debt and to place it on a permanent basis. The debts of the parish were much greater than was anticipated a year ago. During four years past, the members of this parish have contributed for the benefit of the Church, a sum greater than one fourth of all the property belonging to every individual of the parish; besides fifty dollars a year for missions. The parish has received some assistance from the friends of the Church in Boston, and has the promise of further aid, which, I trust, will be sufficient to relieve it from its present embarrassments.

DANIEL LEACH, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

Baptisms: children, 13; adults, 2; total, 15. Communicants: added, 10; died or removed, 4; present number, 36. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5. Sunday School, 35. Missionary Society, 1. Missionary contributions, &c. exceeding $200.

Our congregation, though very small, has received a few additions since the last report. It is humbly trusted that we have not declined in spiritual things. We have been favored by a visit of the Convocation, from which, it is hoped, spiritual profit was derived. A great degree of Christian harmony prevails among our members, and may God continue it, until, through the infinite mercies of our Saviour, we shall meet in that world of perpetual love where nor sin, or sorrow, or aught else that can disturb peace, can find an entrance.

There have been some recent indications, that the unsuitable edifice in which we are, at present, compelled to worship, will not always answer our purpose.

When these feelings shall have wrought upon the minds of the members and friends of our congregation, we may hope that the present building will be displaced, to make room for one that shall be to the glory of Jehovah, and not a source of mortification, to such as are asked by strangers, "Where is the Episcopal Church in Dedham?"

S. B. BABCOCK, *Minister.*

St. James's Church, Roxbury.

My connection with this parish, as its Rector, having commenced in the early part of December last, this report will refer principally to the events of the past six months, and the present aspect of the Church.

The usual divine services have been held twice on every Sunday, without interruption; and on every third Sunday, an evening service has also been given. The principal holydays of the Church have been observed, and discourses delivered adapted to those occasions. For the greater part of the time a weekly Pastoral meeting has been sustained, and with pleasing evidences of interest in those who attended. One service has been held at Jamaica Plains, where a few Episcopalians are building a Church.

There are now in operation two Bible Classes. The adult Bible Class embraces about thirty-two members, and their meetings are held in the Church on Thursday evening of each week. The system adopted is that of delivering critical questions on successive portions of one of the books of Scripture, and receiving written answers, which are read in public by the Rector, accompanied with such remarks and corrections as may be judged necessary, and followed by a discourse from the pulpit on the portion of Scripture forming the lesson.

The Juvenile Bible Class numbers twenty names, and is designed for the familiar instruction of the young in the first principles of the Gospel, with a view to their preparation for the rite of confirmation, on arriving at the proper age. Their meetings are held on Sunday after the conclusion of the afternoon service, at which time the members repeat scripture proofs relating to topics previously given to them in the form of questions.

The Sunday School of St. James's embraces sixty-two scholars, and is under the direction of four male and eleven female teachers, whose reward and best praise is seen in the present flourishing and happy condition of the school. The teachers hold semi-monthly meetings for mutual counsel and the examination of the Scripture lessons.

Besides the Sunday School and the Bible Classes, there are the following societies in the parish :—

1. The "Provident Relief Society," principally designed to aid in reducing the debt of the Church. The number of members, unknown.

2. The Ladies' Sewing Circle, by whose industry the sum of $40 has been realized since last September.

3. The Juvenile Female Sewing Circle, with from twelve to fifteen members.

4. The Juvenile Missionary Society, numbering about thirty members. Within the last nine months they have raised $16 to be applied to the purchase of Bibles and Prayer Books for the Greek mission.

5. The Working Society of Boys. The proceeds of their industry to be devoted to missions and other religious objects.

The number of families and parts of families, in the parish, it

is difficult to ascertain, owing to the daily accessions we are receiving to our number. From an estimate recently made, we are safe in enumerating nearly fifty as attached to the Church.

The temporal condition of the parish is, by the blessing of God, rapidly improving—its embarrassments are, as we trust, passing away, and we are encouraged by the hope that the day of our adversity is about to be changed for one of assured success and permanent stability. And the Rector may here be permitted to record, as one testimony of the zeal of his parish, the liberality and promptness of action with which the slightest hints relative to the improvements of the church buildings, &c. have uniformly been answered.

The spiritual aspect of the Church is also interesting and encouraging. A high degree of harmony pervades the flock—additions are constantly made to the communion, and we have reason to trust that in many minds a serious attention to eternal things has been awakened, and promises the happiest results.

A sermon has been delivered relative to the object of the Easter collection, which was followed by a contribution of $24.

Since the last Convention, there has been contributed—

In this Church, towards the debt, more than	$2,000 00
In other Churches, for the same object, about	2,400 00
For current expenses, about	720 00
For the Sunday School,	15 00
Easter collection,	24 00
Juvenile Missionary Society,	16 00
Ladies' Sewing Circle,	40 00
	$5,215 00

Baptisms: children, 7. Confirmed, 6. The list of communicants, as recently revised, presents 52 names; the increase for the last six months having been 16. Burials, 1.

WILLIAM STAUNTON, *Rector.*

ESSEX COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Baptisms: children, 20; adults, 4. Communicants: added, 9; died or removed, 7; present number, 98. Marriages, 5. Burials, 11. Sunday School, 70. Missionary Societies, 2. Missionary contributions, $120.

The state of this Church varies but little from the last year. There have been no other external changes but those occasioned by death or removal. The places made vacant by these causes have been supplied by new accessions. There are in-

during the past year. We have, however, among other evidences of good, the fact that there has been an increase of interest in the benevolent operations of the day. Our contributions have increased from about one hundred and fifty to two hundred and fifty dollars. About fifty copies of the Christian Witness are also taken, partly through the aid of our Sewing Societies, which have kindly furnished our poorer families with a copy. The plan of Sunday offerings has been adopted, and works well. Though we cannot record many instances of conversion, we would thankfully acknowledge an evident growth in piety among our communicants, together with numerous other meacies to minister and people.

WILLIAM H. LEWIS, *Rector.*

St. James's Church, Amesbury and Salisbury Mills.

1 Infant Baptism; 7 Communicants; a Sunday School of 50 members; a Bible Class of 20. The Monthly Concert is the only Missionary Society at present.

As this parish has never before been represented in the Convention, a somewhat detailed account of its condition may not be amiss.

The services of the Church were introduced into this place, by the Rev. Dr. Morss, on the evening of Whitsunday, A. D. 1833, and were continued by him and the Rev. W. T. Potter, (who supplied the pulpit of Dr. M. during his temporary absence,) on Sunday evenings, until July. The Rev. J. H. Price, then took temporarily, the charge of the parish. His prospects of usefulness were so encouraging, that in August, an arrangement was made for his residence among this people, and he became their minister. The parish was legally organized October 8th, 1833. In November, this highly esteemed clergyman removed to a wider and more promising field of labor. The sudden loss of his valuable services, their inability to procure those of a permanent successor, and other discouraging circumstances, were sources of much detriment to the interests of the Church in this place, and such as have not yet ceased to operate. Sacrifices had been made by the people to establish the worship of the Church. The most cheering prospects accompanied their efforts. When, therefore, it appeared, that in spite of their exertions, the Church must be discontinued, the disappointment cast a chill over the zeal of those who were best able to sustain it, so that at the present time, they either render but a partial assistance, or altogether decline co-operating with us. We trust, however, that they are only standing aloof till they have some assurance that the present effort will not prove also a failure. And we fervently pray and humbly hope that it will not. Those who are now engaged in the attempt to re-establish the Church, if their means are more limited, are not

lacking in zeal. For the most part, operators in the manufacturing establishments, and depending upon their daily labors for a maintenance, they have still determined to contribute liberally to the building up of this decaying parish. They have purchased a small building, formerly owned by the Baptists as a vestry, which they intend to enlarge, and fit up with pews, to serve them for a chapel. In order to accomplish this, however, they must receive some foreign aid. May we not hope that they, to whom Providence has given an abundance, will impart a portion to the building up of this "waste place in our Zion." Surely, they who have left their native country and their mother Church, in order to contribute by their skilful labors to the wealth of our native manufacturers, should not plead in vain for the blessings of the Gospel and the ordinances of the Church in which they have been nurtured. A great portion (if not a great majority) of the supporters of the Church in this place, are from the old countries, some of them brought from thence by the manufacturing companies, with a view of introducing certain improvements in these establishments, and who can estimate the wealth that has been saved and rolled into the coffers of their employers through the introduction of these very improvements! When they then ask a small pittance to enable them and their children to enjoy the religious privileges and ordinances which they relinquished in their native land, in order to labor industriously to increase the riches of our country—of our fellow Christians—of our fellow churchmen, shall they plead in vain? We hope for justice that they may not. The attempt to establish anew the services of the Church has been but *recently* made. On the fourth Sunday after Easter, I commenced my labors among this people. They have had the regular services on Sundays since then, the communion administered once (to 7) and one Infant Baptism, a sermon on the evening of "Ascension day," a lecture preparatory to the communion, and an address on Sunday School Instruction during the week, after which last, a very good collection was taken up. We have now a Bible Class of 20, which meets on Wednesday evenings, a teachers' meeting on Saturday evenings, and the monthly concert. As this last has been held but once, no collection was called for. Our Sunday School now numbers 50. Among them a class of adults who voluntarily offered themselves as scholars. Our Sunday School from the beginning has been gradually increasing in numbers and interest. The only obstacle in the way of its successful operation is the lack of instruction and Library Books. This we expect will be partly removed by a liberal donation from Lowell, which we are anticipating shortly to receive. All our meetings have been well attended. The house on Sunday afternoons is uncomfortably filled, and many have been seen to turn away from the doors;

while others, who, if we had a larger room, would willingly attend, are accustomed to stay at home on account of the smallness of the house. Surely, it will be for the interest of the Church at large, if this people are enabled to extend and fit up their building. As it is, it will hold a little over 150, and it is usually filled in the afternoons. Of the number of families in the congregation, I can only state that there are 20 whom I know to be decidedly Episcopal: 66 out of 83 of the members being baptized, and many of the adults comfirmed. Members from many other families attend regularly. Considering that this society has been deprived of the regular services of the Church for two years, it is surprising, as well as gratifying, to hear the loud and general responses which they make. In this respect, they will compare with many of our long established Churches. The number of those who procure and use the Prayer-book is also increasing. I have already disposed of two dozen Prayer-books, and distributed many tracts, 14 copies of the Churchman's Manuel and 8 copies of the Witness were circulated in this place before I came here; 10 copies of the Witness are now taken. It has indeed rejoiced my heart to witness, in so many instances, a strong and unwavering attachment to the principles of primitive truth and order, combined with proper conceptions of the importance of vital religion; and in some, with an unreserved devotion of the heart to God. That the number of these last may increase seven fold, God in his mercy grant.

HENRY M. DAVIS, *Minister.*

Christ Church, Andover.

Baptisms: children, 3, and 1 adult. Communicants: 20; added, 4. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday School, 30.

The parish of Christ Church, Andover, has been in existence nearly a year. Its commencement was highly promising, its present prospects are not less so. The society meet for worship at present, in a convenient hall, which is always well filled with attentive worshippers. We have had four public services weekly through the winter and spring, and probably shall through the summer. Our Sunday school, though small, is highly interesting, and comprises more than all the children of the parish. We observe the Sunday School Monthly Concert. Missionary measures are in contemplation. There is reason confidently to expect that on the next occasion like the present, the erection of a church will be reported. The parish has been so happy as to have interested and comprised, from the beginning, an unusually large proportion of respectable communicants of other persuasions, who are fast ripening into warm

churchmen, and seem grateful in the peaceful sanctuary, they have found in our harmonious fold.

Beside the families above mentioned, there are many youth and unmarried adults who are constant and interested attendants upon our ordinances, and indeed our holy and apostolic Church seems to have conciliated the forbearance of most of the community, and the favor of many.

JAMES H. TYNG, *Minister.*

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Christ Church, Cambridge.

Communicants: 35; died, 1; removed, 3; added, 13.—Burials, 3. Marriages, 3. Baptized 5 infants. Confirmed, 6. Sunday School, 5 teachers, 20 scholars. Missionary Association, 1. Missionary contributions, $135.

When the Rector reflects how little of attention he has found himself at liberty to bestow on this parish, and then observes how kindly his efforts have been met by his people, and sustained by their hearty co-operation, he cannot refrain from commending their zeal and anticipating that a brighter day is about to dawn on this enfeebled parish. And when he beholds indications of the divine blessing manifested upon his inadequate and interrupted labors, he sees new proof that the grace of the Gospel is "free grace." The situation of the parish at Cambridge requires what its pecuniary condition is unable to command,—the constant and entire services of an able, devoted, and experienced clergyman. Forty of the students at the University statedly attend on the services of our Church: and many more would doubtless frequent our worship, were opportunities offered on other occasions than the Lord's day. This consideration alone renders the parish of Christ Church an important post; and one which the Church at large is bound, in duty to herself, and to God, by all means to strengthen and sustain.—May the Lord hasten the time when this duty shall be suitably acknowledged, and faithfully fulfilled.

M. A. D'WOLF HOWE, *Rector.*

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

Baptisms: children, 39; adults, 5. Communicants: added, 33; died or removed, 14; present number, 127. Confirmed, 20. Marriages, 10. Burials, 26. Sunday School, 200. Bible Class, 15. Missionary Societies, 2. Missionary contributions, $400.

The condition of this parish is prosperous. The Church, on occasion of the Sunday services, is usually well filled. The Sunday School has been vigorously sustained with increasing

effect. There has been a growing interest in the missionary cause. The Convocation has been recently held here, and its exercises have been attended with salutary influence.

T. Edson, *Rector.*

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

Baptisms: 11 infants. Communicants: died or removed, 3; added 4; present number, 69. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 9. Burials, 10. Sunday School scholars, 90. Bible Class, 30. Missionary Societies, 2. Missionary contributions exceeding $100.

The Sunday and other holy day services are usually well attended in this parish, and with apparent interest and devotion.

Additional sittings by an enlargement of the Church seem now to be called for. Several families desirous of securing pews are unable to obtain them; and individuals who might be expected to worship here, are deterred making applications for seats from the known want of accommodation.

The Bible class and Sunday school are flourishing. Contributions for pious and benevolent purposes, exclusive of monies raised for the Bishop's fund, Sunday school, and missionary objects, have been liberal.

The continued indulgence extended by the people generally, toward him who is over them in the Lord, tends to rivet more closely the chain of mutual love and affection which, for nearly fifteen years, has bound pastor and flock together.

Alfred L. Baury, *Rector.*

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

Communicants: added, 4; died or removed, 2; present number, 15. Marriages, 1. Sunday School: teachers, 6; scholars, 24. Missionary contributions: Easter collections, $5 52.

There are in this parish about seventeen families. The congregation consists of about fifty adult persons. The children, including infants, are about forty in number. One family of strangers from Ireland, besides my own, has been added since the last Convention. I commenced my ministerial acts on the 25th October, 1835. From that time the Church has been opened, divine service performed, and sermons preached every Sunday, morning and afternoon, except on Easter Sunday and the Sunday following, on which days I was confined to my house by sickness. The holy communion has been administered on the first Sunday in every month, on Christmas day and Whitsunday, not at Easter, for the reason before mentioned. The solemn

fast of Ash Wednesday was duly observed in the Church; the prayers being read, and sermons preached in the morning and at night. On each succeeding Wednesday during the season of Lent, after evening prayer, a sermon was preached. In Passion Week, divine service was performed every day in the forenoon, until Thursday, when I was seized with sickness and laid up; on those days a brief and simple exposition was given of some of the portions of Scripture appointed to be read in the Communion Office. The solemnity of Holy Thursday was observed, and the prayers were succeeded by preaching. On Trinity Sunday, I exchanged duties with the Rev. Mr. Strong, of Greenfield. On the first instant, I visited Amherst in search of a few Episcopalians reported to be resident there. I found one gentleman, who appears to be a zealous Christian, and much attached to the Church: he and his two daughters are anxious to be confirmed, and to join our communion in this place. The people of this parish are regular in their attendance at public worship, and they deserve to be commended for their remarkable seriousness and attention to the services on every occasion of this kind. Our Sunday School was organized November 29th, 1835; the Minister is the superintendent: the system of instruction which has been adopted is that set forth by our own Sunday School Union; it is adhered to as closely as circumstances will allow. We are suffering deeply from want of a Library, and even of the necessary school books: of the latter, we purchased a small number with the amount of a trifling collection taken up at the commencement of the school; this stock has been generously increased by the Rev. Dr. Wainwright, at his own charge; but still the supply has been found very inadequate to our necessities. It is greatly to be deplored, as was observed, on a former occasion, in a report to our venerable Diocesan, that there should be this deficiency in the means for carrying on that most important work in the edification of the Church—*the religious education of the young*. This Church continues to be encumbered with a debt amounting to about $1000—an unhappy circumstance, forming, of course, a very serious impediment to its prosperity. Such is the poverty of the congregation, that there seems to be no hope of this debt being liquidated at an early period.

W. Chaderton, *Minister.*

HAMPDEN COUNTY.

St. Mark's Church, Blandford.

This parish continues in a prosperous state, and there is reason to believe that if they could enjoy the constant ministrations of the Church, the parish would greatly increase, and be able

soon to support constant preaching by their own efforts. I have preached here every other Sabbath since our last Convention, and have had frequent lectures in various parts of the society. Our meetings have usually been well attended, and much good, we trust, has been done; but this society has lost, by removals, some of its most cordial and pious friends. The tide of population in this section of the country is fast setting towards the West; but notwithstanding these discouragements, there is a growing zeal and attachment to the Church among the people generally, and an earnest desire for missionary aid, that they may be able to have a clergyman with them constantly. The number of families belonging to the society is about 50. Number of communicants, 8; removed, 3. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Sunday scholars, from 30 to 50.

CALVIN WOLCOTT, *Minister.*

Christ Church, Springfield.

The labors of the present minister of this parish were begun the first of last December, under the auspices of the Clerical Convocation of Massachusetts. Since that time the service has been regularly sustained on Sundays, and a good part of the time on one evening in the week. The congregation have no church of their own, but occupy, as a place of worship, a lecture-room belonging to the first Congregational Church. We have some, though the number is not great, of decided friends to the Church. Nor is the congregation in regular attendance large, yet is such as to give encouragement, with the divine blessing, of the permanent establishment of our service among this people. Several attempts for this purpose have formerly been made, but were not prosecuted long enough, or with sufficient zeal, otherwise it is generally believed there would, long ere this, have been a flourishing Church and congregation gathered.—Though more than one favorable juncture has been let slip without improvement, it is far from being thought that the time is past for effecting the object. The population is large and increasing, with frequent changes occurring in it. The Church is favorably known, and fewer prejudices exist against it than in most of the old country places in New England. No congregation can be considered as permanently established, or likely to increase, without at least a decent and comfortable place of worship of their own. That is wanted here. Our friends are pious and devoutly attached to the Church, and will, to their ability, contribute to its support. At present, the service is sustained by the Convocation, the people, however, contributing to the funds of that body two-fifths of the missionary's salary. The prospects are such as encourage us to hope that the cost and labor here bestowed are not in vain. Several persons who reg-

ularly attend our worship are seriously disposed, and it is expected that at the first visitation of our Diocesan, there will be some confirmations.

A meeting of the Convocation is highly desirable, and it is hoped will soon be appointed at this place.

Baptisms: 1 child; 1 adult. Communicants: added, 3; died or removed, none; present number, about 20. Confirmed, none. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday school scholars, 14. Bible class, Missionary societies and contributions, none.

SAMUEL M'BURNEY, *Minister.*

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

St. James's Church, Greenfield.

Baptisms: infants, 11; adults, 2; total, 13. Communicants: added, 4; died or removed, 3; present number, 69. Confirmed, none. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3. Sunday scholars, 40. Bible class, 12. Missionary contributions, $50.

The condition of this Church is such as to demand the tribute of gratitude and praise to the great Head of the Vineyard. Although we have to lament the abuse and neglect of precious privileges on the part of many, and the too limited improvement of the means of grace in all, yet there is much to encourage and rejoice the heart and to strengthen the hands of the Christian minister. Peace and harmony prevail within our borders—an increasing attachment is manifested to the interests of Zion, and the sacred principles on which her prosperity depends; and there is no reason to doubt that the seed of the word of God does, in many instances, fall upon ground which will yield fruit, "thirty, sixty, and an hundred fold."

T. STRONG, *Rector.*

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

Communicants: died, 4; added, 4; present number, 40. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 8. Burials, 15. Sunday School Teachers, 13; Scholars, 80. Missionary contributions, $90.

This report embraces a year and a half, the time that the present Rector has been connected with the parish; as the report which was sent to the last Convention was by accident mislaid.

During the present year a new organ has been obtained by the efforts of the parish at an expense of $450. Part of this

sum it was found necessary to raise by the Ladies' Sewing Society, the proceeds of whose labors are intended to be devoted to Missionary purposes. Besides this Society, a collection is taken in church on the first Monday in each month for the same object, which has hitherto fully equalled our expectations.

When the present incumbent took charge of the parish, it had been destitute of a clergyman and of the ministrations of the Gospel about six months, which operated considerably to its injury. It is now in as flourishing a condition as could be expected from its situation. May its spiritual condition correspond with its outward prosperity.

SAMUEL G. APPLETON, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Marshfield.

Communicants, 15.

I have had charge of this parish only part of the past year. I found it in a very low and discouraging state, and so it remains. It has had many difficulties to struggle with, and it cannot be disguised that its present prospects are by no means flattering. We can only trust in the promise of God that the gates of hell shall never prevail against his Church. I officiate here one Sunday a month, the rest of my time being devoted to Hanover.

SAMUEL G. APPLETON, *Minister.*

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

Baptisms: infants, 3 ; adults, 2. Communicants: added, 2; died or removed, 3 ; present number, 28. Burials, 4. Sunday School, 40. Missionary Society, 1. Missionary contributions: Ladies' Sewing Circle, $10 ; Easter collection, $12 ; Bishop's fund, $11 62 ; Monthly offerings, $9 ; Sunday School offerings, $2 ; Contingent fund, $4 50.

Since the last parochial report, the Rev. Matthias Munroe, for four years the esteemed Rector of this Church, has departed this life. His health, which had been for some time seriously declining, compelled him, in May, 1835, to resign the charge of the parish. Since that time it has been favored with occasional preaching and lay reading. The present incumbent was invited to supply the Church for one year, and entered upon his duties on Whitsunday last. The society have commenced the erection of a neat and commodious church edifice, the corner stone of which was laid on the 1st instant. We hope for its consecration, early in September next. While the temporal prospects of the Church are thus gratifying, may its spiritual interests increase. May there be many proofs that the preaching of Christ crucified is, indeed, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

WM. WARLAND, Jr, *Minister.*

BRISTOL COUNTY.

Grace Church, New Bedford.

Communicants: added, 5; died, 1; removed, 4; present number, 32. Marriages, 4. Burials, 5. Sunday School, 75. Bible Class, 20. Missionary Society, 1. Missionary contributions, $25.

The Rector of this parish regrets that he cannot present a more flattering summary than the above. Peculiar circumstances, however, will account for the fact. It is generally known that during the last year, this society has been engaged in the erection of a church edifice. Of course, the attention of its members has been very considerably turned from the inward to the outward interests of the Church. There has not, however, appeared that complete spiritual indifference, by any means, which is often the attendant upon such an enterprize. The little band of communicants which has been gathered heretofore, has proved itself uncommonly successful, through the grace of God, in contending with the adverse influences of such a season, evincing through the whole year, a good degree of vitality; and the congregation at large has not been without some apparent seriousness. Some fruits have attended the means of grace, over which we trust there has been joy in heaven. The number added to the communion is small, but would have been larger except that confirmation has been deferred to the time of consecrating the new church, which will be early in the next month. There has also been a very natural desire on the part of parents to defer the baptism of their children to the same time. Accordingly there are several families of children who have long been ready for this ordinance, but, for those reasons which are easily apprehended, have not been presented.

The congregation has not essentially changed in numbers or character during the past year. This was not expected, nor was it practicable. A considerable accession is confidently expected, on entering a more convenient house of worship. The Sunday school remains unchanged, except that the teachers are more deeply interested, than ever before, in their work.

The society has applied itself to the work of building their church with great spirit and at great personal sacrifices. Perfect harmony has attended all their measures. There has indeed been but one mind and one spirit. Liberal assistance has been rendered by friends in Boston and elsewhere. The work is now nearly at a close, and the Rector and members of the Church feel disposed to render unto God the praise, and to beseech Him to attend them still with his rich blessing.

It has not been deemed advisable to press this people at present on the subject of missions. The field being one of mission-

ary labor, has seemed to call for all which could be raised for the cause of missions, and only a mere trifle is reported as sent abroad, which trifle was bestowed by a few humble individuals for this special purpose. But it is confidently believed that a society, nursed as this has been by the missionary spirit, will henceforward do its part in the great cause.

The interests of this infant Zion are earnestly commended to the brethren for their prayers. N. T. BENT, *Rector.*

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

This Parish, whose place in the last annual report of the churches, was left a blank, is now enabled by the good providence of God to be represented in this Convention, and to submit the following account of its past and present state.

From about the time of the meeting of the Convention in June, 1834, until Nov. 5th, 1835, the parish was destitute of a pastor; and, of course, suffered all the evils which are incident to a Church in such circumstances. It declined greatly from the prosperity it had known under its former pastors, and its best friends were much discouraged. By the indefatigable exertions of its officers, however, public worship on the Sabbath was maintained throughout this dreary interval of fifteen months; except during a period of two months in the winter of 1834 and 5, when, because it was impossible to procure a supply, the church was closed. Circumstances have since demonstrated that the cause of all this declension, was not the want of good will towards the Church, in the people, nor even the want of pecuniary means, but simply, the want of a resident minister.

The present Rector was instituted Nov. 5th, 1835: and he records, with heartfelt gratitude to the Master who has blessed him and his people, that the progress of the Church from that time to the present, has been *steadily onward.* The congregation has greatly increased in numbers, in attachment to the principles and services of the Church, and in serious attention to the word read and preached: and it is humbly believed, that on the minds of a few, the truth has made an abiding and saving impression. A good degree of interest was early awakened, and is still maintained, in the cause of missions. In November, the parish was resolved into a Missionary Society, auxiliary to the General Missionary Society of the Church at large, and in conformity to the organization adopted by the Church in the last General Convention. Our offerings are taken up monthly, on the first Sunday of each month; and the amount thus collected during the last seven months, is $104. In addition to this, the Ladies' Sewing Circle paid to the Convocation during the first six months, $33; which makes the amount of the monies raised in seven months for the support of the Gospel in places without the parish, $137; to which if we add $18 received at the

communion, the amount of the missionary and charitable offerings of this Church for the last seven months, will be $155; or, at the rate of $265 per annum. It gives the Rector pleasure to notice the noble part which the ladies have borne in the revived energies of the parish. Besides contributing as above to the Convocation, they have expended on the fixtures and furniture of the church and vestry, $150.

In addition to this, it must be stated that the parish has been for a long time laboring under a debt of $3000. For the extinguishment of this debt, a system of measures was recently adopted, and more than two thirds of the necessary sum is already secured; indeed, but for the necessary absence of some members of the committee, we should doubtless, at this time, have been able to report ourselves clear of debt.

In humility and gratitude we remember the past: in hope, and in dependence on the God who hath helped us hitherto, we look forward to the future. Subjoined is the summary of the parish for the last seven months, in the usual form.

Baptisms: children, 8. Communicants: added, 9; removed, 1; present number, 40. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Sunday School Scholars, 80. Bible Class, 20. Missionary Society, 1. Missionary contribution, $137 in seven months. The fact that a long time has elapsed since this Church was regularly heard from in this body, will, it is hoped, be received as an apology for the length and minuteness of this report.

S. HASSARD, *Rector.*

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Christ Church, Clappville.

Baptisms: infants, 6. Communicants: added, 4; died or removed, 9; present number, 46. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday School, 56. Bible Class, 10. Missionary Society, 1. Contributions for missionary purposes, $29 47; for Bishop's fund, $16 50.

The prospects of this parish are regarded by us as more promising just now than at any former period, but its visible condition is so liable to change from the contingencies arising out of a moving population, that any thing like a regular progression in numerical strength, however desirable, cannot be expected. The hope is cherished, that manufacturers will by and by find it necessary to come to some maximum of labor, for all their departments, by which they would obtain a more permanent hold of their operatives, and bring about a more settled state of society.

As it is at present, Churches located in manufacturing villages partake more of the character of missionary stations, than

of stayed parishes. Ministers have little or no opportunity of seeing the progressive effects of their labor,—the converts of to-day are beyond the reach of their care to-morrow, and families, in whose sympathies they have found a solace, are often giving place to others of no kindred habits and dispositions.

This Church, previous to the care of the present incumbent, received aid from the missionary funds of the State. In taking upon itself the responsibility of sustaining the ministry, it has had to encounter difficulties which have served to test the interest felt in the welfare of our beloved Zion. From August to December, of last year, our people, owing to the prevalence of drought, were, with the exception of an occasional day or two, without employment, thereby incurring no small embarrassment to themselves and families. Under so great disadvantage, commendable efforts have been made, not only for sustaining the ministry, but for the purpose of helping on the various institutions of Christian benevolence. Upon the whole, we have much for which to be thankful to the God and Father of all our mercies, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

HENRY BLACKALLER, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville, (Sutton.)

Baptisms: children, 6; adults, 8. Communicants: added, 12; died or removed, 12; present number, 39. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Sunday School scholars, 97. Bible Class, 7. Missionary Society, 0. Missionary contributions, $45.

A more favorable account of the state of this parish, than in former years, seems at this time to be warranted. Through the Lord's abundant goodness some have been awakened to righteousness, and an improved state of religious feeling is evidently apparent. The attendance on public worship has not at any previous time been greater than at present. Some adverse influences have been brought to bear upon us, and have appeared to endanger our union and stability; but the Lord has mercifully withdrawn them, and protected us from injury.

Beside the improvement in decided piety, there is observable among this people a high standard of moral feeling and conduct. The vice of intemperance, either in its incipient or more advanced stages, is scarcely known among us.

In addition to the regular services of Sunday, a third service is usually held on the evening of that day: and on Wednesday evenings a few persons are accustomed to meet for social religious exercises. The Sunday School is attended with interest, both by teachers and scholars. A meeting of the teachers is held once a fortnight, at which the portion of Scripture for the lessons of the two succeeding Sundays is explained, and the du-

ties and responsibilities of teachers are contemplated. This exercise appears evidently to be attended with a divine blessing.

DANL. L. B. GOODWIN.

Missionary Report, Worcester.

Divine service was commenced in Worcester, on Sunday, Dec. 13th, 1835, and has been continued regularly, with the intermission of only one Sunday. There are now about twelve families attached to our services, and a very good congregation, varying from one to two hundred persons, attends on our Sunday exercises. The occasional services have not been so well attended, on account of the other engagements of our people.

We number from 15 to 20 communicants; 1 adult has been confirmed; 1 adult and 2 infants baptized; 1 death; 2 burials. There is evidence that God has blessed the word spoken to the sanctification of some.

A strong desire is manifested by members of all the religious societies in the town, that an Episcopal Church may be built, and six thousand dollars have been subscribed for this object; a large part of this sum by those not connected with the Episcopal Church. It is thought, however, by nearly all the subscribers that $10,000 is the minimum upon which such an undertaking may be started, as the land and its preparation will cost not far from $2,000, leaving but a small amount for the building. It is thought, too, that the present summer will determine whether the Episcopal Church shall be established in Worcester, at present. If the services can be maintained in the town for some time to come, until a building can be put up, and if some temporary aid can be rendered to the infant congregation for some months after such building is completed, there is every prospect of abundant success to our Church, and of usefulness to the cause of piety, and of benefit to souls.

THOMAS H. VAIL, *Missionary.*

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

Baptisms: adults, none. Communicants: added, 1; died or removed, 1; present number, 14. Confirmed, none. Marriages, 1. Burials, 6. Sunday School, 25. Bible Class, 10. Missionary Society, 1. Missionary contributions, $10.

The state of this parish continues prosperous; but on account of frequent removals to the West, it does not increase so fast as was anticipated. It is, however, very desirable that there should be a clergyman stationed here constantly—and that missionary

aid should be afforded, a year or two more, to encourage the friends of the Church in their efforts to sustain and build up their society. Since our last Convention, I have divided my time between this parish and that of Blandford. The Church on the Sabbath, and all our extra meetings, have been well attended—and we have reason to hope that much good has been done in removing the prejudices against the Church, in stemming the tide of infidelity, and preparing the way for the permanent establishment of the Church in this place. Number of families belonging to this society is now 72—nine have been added this spring. And although we have had no material addition to the communion, yet we have cause for gratitude to the great Head of the Church for the serious attention and hopeful prospects which we have witnessed and continue to witness.

CALVIN WOLCOTT, *Minister.*

Trinity Church, Lenox. (Vacant.)

This parish continues in the same depressed condition, which has been mentioned in former reports. But few of the means of grace have been enjoyed by its members, since the last meeting of the Convention. They still remain firm in their attachment to the institutions of the Church, and are more than ever anxious to enjoy the stated ministrations of the sanctuary; and have some faint hope, that an arrangement, now making, will tend to the gratification of their pious wishes. But before this can be done, they must be aided by the missionary contributions of their brethren, in more prosperous Churches, whose prayers, as well as bounty, they most earnestly solicit.

Confirmed, 2. Communicants: added, 2; died, 1; present number, 36. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2.

RICHARD PARKER, } *Wardens.*
JARED BRADLEY, }

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

The condition of this Church is as prosperous, and its prospects more encouraging than at any former period of its history. Some circumstances of an unhappy character and influence arose during the early parts of the last Conventional year; but which, although producing for a season, alienation of feeling among those who were most intimately connected, have been, we trust, overruled for good.

Number of communicants, 63. The same number having been added which were subtracted by deaths and removals—one has been suspended. Burials, 7; 3 of which were out of the parish. The schools, Bible classes, and societies connected with the Church continue to prosper, and all the usual collections have been made, to the amount of $88, viz: for the Church

in M'Lean, 25; Sunday School Union, 23; Easter, 7; Episcopal fund, 8; contingent, 5; Female Benevolent Society, 20.—There are monthly collections in this parish, the avails of which are appropriated to charitable and religious objects, whose amounts I do not know.

Since the last Convention, a successful effort has been made for the erection of a new church. The walls, of blue lime stone, (68 by 44, including a portion of the tower,) are now prepared for the roof, and the whole will be completed on or before the first of December next. The style of this church is Gothic; and no expense will be spared by the flock interested in its erection, to make it a convenient and beautiful temple. About two thirds the amount required is on subscription. The deficiency, not far from $1500, if not met by the sale of pews, will be assumed by the parish at large.

SAMUEL B. SHAW, *Rector.*

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

The state of the Church in Great Barrington has not materially changed, since the last Parochial Report. Since we have occupied the new church, the pew rents have considerably increased, and a few families have been added to the parish; but only four persons to the communion. There have been, Baptisms: 4 children and 1 adult. Marriages, 6. And in the course of the year I have attended twelve funerals. There are, probably, about 90 communicants. We have to lament, that our standard of Christian morals, and our temperature of zeal, is far below the Gospel, and we fear there is a great defect of personal piety and ardent religious affection. May God in mercy pour his benefits upon us, and awaken us from the deadly torpor of insensibility.

STURGES GILBERT, *Rector.*

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

Baptisms: infants, 9; adults, 2; total, 11. Confirmed, 8. Communicants: added, 11; died or removed, 8; present number, 63. Marriages, 5. Burials, 7. Sunday School, 50. Teachers, 8. Two Bible Classes, 20. Missionary contributions, &c. $108 50.

Though this parish has suffered some losses by deaths and removals among its supporters, its condition continues to be such as to warrant a well-grounded expectation of its permanence and prosperity. The last annual meeting of the Convention of this State has left a salutary impression upon the remembrance of this community, and was highly beneficial in showing "the beauty of holiness" in the institutions of the Church. Many

prejudices were overcome, and the souls of some were awakened by its means to consider the importance of securing their interest in the redemption, which is in Christ Jesus. During the past year, the church has been opened several times for a third service on the Lord's day; but more generally that duty has been performed in school-houses at some distance from the village; and it is believed with good results. A plan has recently been proposed for the collection of Sunday offerings; the success of which can be known only in the progress of the experiment.—The parish are in expectation of a set of lamps for the desk and pulpit, and two chandeliers: the donation of a pious and active member of the Church, now absent in Europe, under circumstances of severe domestic affliction.

The collections have been: for the S. S. Library, $23 21; for Mass. Ep. Miss. Society, $52 29; for Episcopal fund, $24; for contingent fund of Convention, $9; total, $108 50. Besides some other contributions not here known, as to their amount.

EDWARD BALLARD, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge. (Vacant.)

Confirmed, 4. Communicants: added, 2; removed, 2; present number, 12. Contributions for contingent fund, $5.

For several months past this parish has been deprived of the regular ministrations of the Church; the Rev. Mr. Parker having resigned his charge over it, and the parish at Lenox, some time last fall. The Rev. Mr. Gilbert, of Great Barrington, is now preaching lectures on Sunday evenings, and the prospect is encouraging. The members of this parish still desire to have the benefit of the institutions of the Church, and are endeavoring to make some arrangements, whereby they may receive the accomplishment of their wishes for constant religious instruction. In their own strength, they are but feeble, and they cannot enjoy the privileges of the Church without a suitable share of missionary aid, which they hope may be seasonably rendered.

CALEB HYDE, *Senior Warden.*

The undersigned, in compliance with the requisition of the 1st section of the 7th canon of the General Convention of 1835, respectfully reports,

That since his ordination, which took place on Sunday, February 14th, 1836, he has performed the following occasional services, viz. preached twenty-two times, at the following places, once, each, at Rev. Mr. Wells's School, the House of Reformation, and St. James's Church, Roxbury;—twice, at Christ Church,

Quincy; St. Michael's Church, Marblehead; St. Andrew's Church, Hanover: and for the new parish at Jamaica Plain;—three times at Grace Church, Boston; and four times at Worcester, and Christ Church, Boston: besides reading prayers twenty-eight times, and assisting twice in the administration of the Lord's Supper. He has baptized three children of Episcopal parents, at Lunenburg, in the County of Worcester. That the blessing of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may be upon his labors, is the constant and fervent prayer, of

JOHN P. LATHROP.

Boston, June 14th, 1836.

The Rev. Jos. H. Clinch reports that since his residence in this Diocese, in July last, he has baptized three children and solemnized two marriages. His Sundays have been chiefly occupied in officiating at vacant parishes and assisting his brethren in the ministry—he has officiated at Roxbury eight times; at Cambridge three; at Dedham three; at South Boston once; at Grace Church once; at Hanover once; at Christ Church, Boston, once; at Trinity Church, Boston, once; at New Bedford three times; and during the last two months he has been supplying the place of the Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem, who has been absent on the business of the Theological Seminary—he has also assisted at occasional services at other churches.

JOS. H. CLINCH.

Dorchester, 15th June, 1836.

The Rev. Mr. Wells, of South Boston, appeared, and took his seat in Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stone,

Resolved, That the Convention now attend divine service, to assemble immediately after the same.

Morning prayer was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Bent, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Strong. After which, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold took the chair, and declared the Convention open for business.

The Rev. Mr. Haskins, Chaplain in the House of Reformation, Boston, appeared, and took his seat in Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Stone, in compliance with the eighth article of the constitution, presented the following report:—

The Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, appointed at the Annual Convention in June,

1835, in conformity with the canon requiring them to report their doings to the Convention, beg leave to report:—

That during the current year, they have held thirteen meetings in Boston.

They have signed testimonials in favor of three persons, requesting admission as candidates, viz:—John Williams, George Waters, William S. Bartlett.

They have signed testimonials in favor of three persons, requesting admission to the order of Priests, viz:—H. L. Conolly, Samuel G. Appleton, Samuel Hassard.

They have signed testimonials in favor of eight persons, applying for admission to the order of Deacon, viz:—S. Moody Emery, Horatio Southgate, Jr., Abm. Kauffman, William Warland, Jr., John P. Lathrop, Thos. M. Clark, Jr., Gordon Winslow, P. H. Greenleaf.

On the 28th October ultimo, they authorized the Treasurer of the Convention to pay the sum of twenty-five dollars to one of the Delegates attending the General Convention at Philadelphia, for his travelling expenses.

On the 4th of May ultimo, they consented to the consecration of Rev. S. A. McCoskry, elected to the office of Bishop of Michigan, and signed the certificate required by the canon.

All which is submitted,

JOHN S. STONE, *Chairman, pro tem.*

The Rev. Mr. Boyle, Treasurer of the Convention, presented his account, which was read. On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong, the same was accepted, and ordered to be printed with the Journal.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wells,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the sum due from the Church of Massachusetts to the General Convention, for contingent expenses.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That when the Convention adjourn, it be to meet this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

Leave of absence granted the Delegates from St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, and Grace Church, New Bedford. The Rev. Messrs. Shaw and Goodwin were also excused from further attendance, after 5 o'clock.

The Right Rev. the Bishop, presented the following:—

The Committee appointed last Convention "to take into consideration the expediency of establishing a *Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary* in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," respectfully offer the following

REPORT.

The establishment of an Episcopal Theological Seminary in Massachusetts has long been regarded by this Convention as an object of great importance to the interests of the Church. The journals show that serious deliberation has, from time to time, been given to the subject; and a strong expression of the need of such an institution has been often recorded. The appointment of the present committee has again agitated the question extensively, and the response has manifested a far greater degree and maturity of feeling than had been anticipated.

Your committee were first convened on the 27th November, and after an adjourned and full consultation, it was unanimously decided that the exigencies of the Church and the feeling of the community require immediate action in furtherance of the object contemplated by the Convention. Your committee have mainly directed their inquiries to ascertain whether the Episcopal community in the Eastern Diocese is prepared to enter upon immediate measures needful to found such an institution and to meet the expense.

To obtain a still more unequivocal and decisive expression of the sentiment supposed to exist, it was resolved to appoint an agent to visit the parishes. Application was immediately made to the Rev. Mr. Vaughan, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem, requesting him to act as the appointed agent of the committee in securing subscriptions for professorships, as well as for other requisite expenses, and further to forward the object in such way as should be found needful. The committee here would with pleasure refer to the pious liberality and cheerful acquiescence manifested by St. Peter's parish, in relinquishing a portion of the services of their beloved Rector for this great and common cause, and also the promptness of the Rector in complying with what appeared as a manifest call of Divine Providence.

The agent has devoted about twelve weeks to the work thus committed to him, during which time he has presented the claims of the proposed Seminary to eighteen congregations in Massachusetts, six in Rhode Island, one in New Hampshire, and three

in Maine. He has also visited several other parishes where, from various causes, it was not convenient publicly to present the subject. He has not sought for immediate contributions, so much as to invite the attention of the Church to the Seminary, leaving the mode of subscription to such further opportunity as the respective pastors and parishes may prefer.

From this and other means of extended intercourse, your committee feel justified in expressing their firm conviction, that if proper measures are pursued, a sum may in due time be realized, fully adequate to the needful endowment of the institution.

In Rhode Island a subscription has been commenced, (receiving the decided approbation of the Convention of that State,) for eventually raising the sum of $25,000 to endow a professorship in the Seminary on certain conditions.

In the parish of St. Paul's, Boston, the sum of $12,000 has already been pledged, and the expectation held out, that it will hereafter be increased to the amount at least of one professorship.

There have also been otherwise subscribed, payable within two years,	$6,260
Beyond two years,	4,100
Value of land offered, (and the committee presume that no less would be offered in any event of location,)	10,000
The sum of $12,000 added from St. Paul's, mentioned above,	12,000
Total of amount actually pledged, exclusive of the Rhode Island professorship,	$32,360
Of these various subscriptions, there are payable within two years,	25,000
Beyond two years,	7,100

leaving $24,760 now to be secured before the condition of the subscription becomes fulfilled.

In *Lowell*, *Worcester*, and *Newburyport*, definite and very liberal offers have been made of land as a donation to the Seminary, if placed thereon. In Taunton, Northampton, Pittsfield, and several other places, assurance of similar readiness is given.

These facts are mentioned not only as favorable offers, but as indicating that the value of the institution is appreciated, even

in its local advantages, and that a strong interest in the subject generally prevails.

The committee having deemed it expedient, without delay, to apply to the Legislature for corporate powers, authorized one of their number (Professor Greenleaf) to forward their petition for this purpose.

A bill was accordingly passed, but for the following reasons, deemed essential, your committee have thought it advisable to return the bill to the Secretary's office, with their non-acceptance respectfully annexed. *First*, because the bill affords no means of security that the funds shall be appropriated to education for the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church and no other; and *second*, because it is made repealable without cause or forfeiture at the pleasure of the Legislature.

Your committee are in fine convinced, that they now speak *the deliberate and prevailing sentiment of the Episcopal Church in the Eastern Diocese, when they earnestly recommend to this Convention to take immediate measures towards founding in Massachusetts a Theological Seminary with ample funds*, and they would respectfully submit to the consideration of the Convention the following as outlines of a plan.

1. There shall be established in Massachusetts an institution for the education of candidates for holy orders, and subject to the regulation of the constitution and canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. This institution shall be entitled THE EPISCOPAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

2. There shall be appointed by this Convention, at its present session, a *Board of Trustees*, consisting of six clerical and six lay members, the Bishop (having jurisdiction in Massachusetts) to be also a member, and, ex officio, President of the Board.—Said Trustees shall in every case be communicants in the Protestant Episcopal Church at the time of their election, and no person shall be continued as a member of the Board should he cease to be a communicant in said Church.

Vacancies in the Board shall be filled by the Convention.

The Board to have full power to devise and adopt a system of theological education and a system of discipline for the same—to establish professorships, and to elect and appoint suitable persons (subject to their direction) to perform the duties thereof—to regulate the admission of students and their connection with the Seminary—to raise funds, and receive them and other

property under trusts, or in corporate capacity, hereafter, to be secured—and, in general, to do all acts needful for the accomplishment of these resolutions. The funds of this Seminary are in all cases to be applied to the purposes of education for the ministry, according to the constitution, canons, and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and not otherwise.

3. There shall be a Board of Visiters to be appointed annually, by the Convention of the Eastern Diocese until dissolved, and then equally by the several Conventions now composing the same. This Board shall have power, at all times, to visit and examine the Seminary, who shall report to this Convention.

In conclusion, while your committee coincide, fully, with the resolution passed at a highly respectable meeting in Boston, that the sum of $200,000 will be required to establish the Seminary on a proper basis, yet they would recommend that the institution be opened for the reception of students so soon as practicable after the sum of $100,000 shall be secured, and not before. They would also recommend, that three professorships be founded before any considerable sum be expended on the site itself.

They would also earnestly recommend to the Convention and to the Board of Trustees and Visiters, if such shall be appointed, *that vigorous measures be immediately pursued to raise the required funds and otherwise to commence the work.*

Your committee further recommend, that the clergy and delegates present in Convention, be invited to name, during this session, such amounts, respectively, as they think may be raised, annually, for five years, in the parishes they represent, and to use all due diligence in having such sums secured by contributions or subscriptions in such way as they may deem best on returning to their people.

In the establishment of the Seminary it is also thought by the committee that constant reference should be had to the interests of the States at present composing the Eastern Diocese.

The committee would seek to unite with the Church at large in thanks to its great Head for the manifest proofs of interest in this great and desirable object, and to implore from Him, of whom cometh every good and perfect gift, harmony of counsel and wisdom to direct, in building up a Seminary, which may be largely instrumental in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom.—

To him be the praise for every success in this great and uniting work of our Church.

All which is respectfully submitted by

ALEXANDER. V. GRISWOLD.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Morss,

Resolved, That the report just read be accepted, and the committee discharged.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wells,

Resolved, That a committee of three clergymen and two lay members, be appointed to nominate Trustees of the Theological Seminary of Massachusetts.

Whereupon, the Rev. Dr. Morss, the Rev. Mr. Stone, the Rev. Mr. Vaughan, Edward Tuckerman, Esq., and the Hon. Theron Metcalf, were appointed to compose said committee.

The Rev. Mr. Edson, with leave of the Convention, communicated the following, as the doings of the Rhode Island Convention, on the subject of the Theological Seminary:—

Resolved, That in view of the Macedonian cry which comes to us from the heathen world; together with the imperative demand for duly qualified Ministers of the Gospel in our own country; and the increasing difficulty which is consequently found in procuring an adequate number for the congregations now organized; we highly approve of the contemplated plan to establish a Divinity School in Massachusetts, for which our brethren there have obtained an act of incorporation; and, to evince our sincerity by aiding them in placing it upon a respectable and permanent footing, we pledge our best endeavors to promote, by our influence and our contributions, the project commenced in Providence, to raise $25,000, in ten years, for the endowment of a Professorship.

I certify, that the above is an extract from the journals of the Convention of Rhode Island, held June 14th, 1836.

E. Monroe, *Assistant Secretary*.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn.

Adjourned accordingly.

Grace Church, Thursday, June 16th, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold in the chair.

Moses Merrill, delegate from St. Paul's Church, Newburyport; John Edson, delegate from Trinity Church, Bridgewater; Albert Pratt, delegate from Christ Church, Quincy; Samuel B. Russell, delegate from St. Michael's Church, Marblehead—asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Morss,

Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed, to consider and report to this Convention, upon the subject of forming a society for the relief of widows and children of deceased clergymen.

Whereupon, the Rev. Dr. Morss, the Rev. Mr. Edson, and the Rev. Mr. Lewis, were appointed to compose said committee.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees of the Theological Seminary of Massachusetts, reported, by their chairman, the Hon. Theron Metcalf, the names of the following gentlemen:

Rt. Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D.

Rev. James Morss, D. D.	Hon. Jeremiah Mason,
" John S. Stone,	Simon Greenleaf, LL. D.
" Jona. M. Wainwright, D.D.	William D. Sohier, Esq.
" Nathan B. Crocker, D. D.	Edward Tuckerman, Esq.
" Theodore Edson,	Edward A. Newton, Esq.
" John A. Vaughan.	Henry Codman, Esq.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ballard,

Resolved, That this report be accepted, and that the gentlemen just nominated be, and hereby are, appointed Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stone,

Resolved, That the parishes, by their clergy and delegates, be now invited to name such sums as they are willing to endeavor to raise, annually, for five years, (more or less,) towards the funds of the Seminary.

Whereupon, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Stone,

Resolved, That the Convention now take a recess of ten minutes.

At the expiration of which, the Bishop having taken the chair, the members came to order; and on motion of the Rev. Mr. Stone,

Resolved, That the parishes be now called upon, respectively, for the proposed pledge, which was responded to, as follows:

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover,	$100	$500
St. Paul's Church, Dedham,	100	500
St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield,	150	750
Christ Church, Clappville,	100	500
Grace Church, New Bedford,	100	500
St. Matthew's Church, South Boston,	100	500
St. Anne's Church, Lowell,	400	2000
St. Thomas's Church, Taunton,	100	500
St. Michael's Church, Marblehead,	100	500
Grace Church, Boston,	500	2500
St. Paul's Church, Newburyport,	200	1000
St. James's Church, Roxbury,	100	500
St. Paul's Church, Boston,	5000	25,000
St. Peter's Church, Salem,	300	1500
St. Mark's Church, Blandford,	100	500
Christ Church, Andover,	100	500
St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls,	100	500
St. Paul's Church, Otis,	100	500

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Howe,

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Theological Seminary be, and hereby are, empowered, to fill any vacancies that may occur in the board, *ad interim*.

The Rev. Mr. Stone offered the following preamble and resolution:—

Whereas, the measures adopted by the committee appointed at the last annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Massachusetts, on the subject of a contemplated Theological Seminary within the bounds of this Commonwealth, have resulted in the subscription of the sum of $26,000; and whereas, in rendering this subscription permanently binding, it is necessary to raise it to $50,000; therefore,

Resolved, That, in consideration of the peculiar favor manifested towards the object of this subscription by a gracious Providence, in the deep interest which has been expressed by the clergy and laity of the Diocese, in behalf of the contemplated

Seminary, this Convention, relying confidently on the smiles of the same gracious Providence, do assume the sum of $25,000, as necessary to the securing of the amount already subscribed; and that we will go forward in the work, on which we have entered, in a prayerful and believing effort to raise, so soon as may be, the whole amount required by the terms of the report of the above named committee, this day read and accepted, in order to the actual opening of the Seminary.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Morss, the same was unanimously adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Edson,

Resolved, That so much of the report of the committee on the Theological Seminary, as relates to the government of the same, in plan numbered *three*, be so amended, as to read—

"There shall be a Board of Visiters, to consist of not more than five, annually elected, two by the Convention of Massachusetts, and one each by the Conventions of Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Maine. Said Visiters to make report to the Convention of Massachusetts."

The Hon. Theron Metcalf, a delegate from St. Paul's Church, Dedham, and the Rev. Henry Blackaller, of Christ Church, Clappville, asked, and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The committee, on the subject of forming a society for the relief of widows and children of deceased clergymen, presented by their chairman, the following:—

1. The Convention for the time being shall be a society to receive funds for the relief of widows and children of deceased clergymen.

2. Managers or Trustees of the funds arising from donations, contributions or legacies, shall be elected by the Convention during the stated annual meeting of the same.

3. The Bishop who shall be ex officio President, with four clergymen and three Laymen, shall constitute a Board of Trustees, who shall appoint a Treasurer and Secretary, and hold annual meetings during the session of the Convention, for the reception and disbursement of funds, and such other business as may come before them, and shall report their doings annually to the Convention.

The widows and children of such clergymen as during their

residence in the Diocese contribute annually one dollar, shall be entitled to the benefit of this charity.

Legacies shall be funded, and the interest only with the annual contributions may be appropriated at the discretion of the Trustees.

Relief shall be confined to such widows only as are destitute of the means of comfortable support, and such children as are evidently incapacitated by age or sickness from obtaining support; and shall be extended to the families of those clergymen only who die in the communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and at the time of their decease were residents in the State or Diocese of Massachusetts.

Signed, JAMES MORSS, *Chairman.*

On motion of Mr. Samuel Cutler,

Resolved, That this report be accepted, and that a committee of two members be appointed to nominate Trustees for said society.

Whereupon, the Rev. Dr. Morss, and the Rev. Mr. Wolcott, were appointed.

The Rev. Mr. Stone asked and obtained leave of absence for the delegates from St. Paul's Church, Boston. The Rev. Mr. Howe was also excused from further attendance.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees of the society for the relief of widows and children of deceased clergymen, reported the following:—

Clerical.	Lay.
Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D.	Edward Tuckerman, Esq.
" Isaac Boyle,	Lynde Walter, Esq.
" William Croswell.	Mr. Benjamin Howard.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wolcott,

Resolved, That the report be accepted, and that the gentlemen nominated be, and hereby are, appointed trustees of the society for the relief of widows and children of deceased clergymen.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution of the Massachusetts Episcopal Sunday School Society, presented the following

REPORT.

That in their opinion the interests of the Society in this State will be promoted by their being placed more directly under the

care and supervision of this Convention than they now are; and that the course recommended by the Resolutions of the Sunday School Society is a judicious one. At the same time, they wish it to be distinctly understood, that the clergymen of every parish is to be considered as the sole head of the Sunday School in his parish; and responsible to the Convention for its interests in no other way than he is for the faithful discharge of his other parochial duties. They deem it important to impress deeply upon the minds of the members of the Convention, and other friends of Sunday Schools, that the Sunday School is ever to be considered as a part, and a most important part, of the parochial care of every clergyman. The children composing it are the lambs of that flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made him overseer. Their instruction, then, is *his* peculiar province, his bounden duty; *he* has no right to relinquish it, much less have *others* the right to take it from him. He is responsible to the Great Head of the Church, for the spiritual food every member of his flock receives; and if he finds it necessary or convenient, to call in the aid of the lay members of his parish, he does not thereby lessen his responsibility; neither does he relinquish his right to direct what instruction they shall receive. If a Sunday School be established, therefore, in his parish, it is his duty to watch over its interests, and provide food suitable for the different tastes and wants of the individuals of whom it is composed. He cannot, indeed, devote his time to the *machinery* of the School; that would interfere too much with his other important Sunday duties. But he should always be the *head* of his Sunday School, not nominally, only, but really, and in fact so.

Your committee have been led to these remarks, from a persuasion that great errors exist, even among the friends of Sunday Schools, on this vital subject; and that the notion is becoming too prevalent, in many Sunday Schools, that the School may subsist independent of the clergy. Your committee would wish to guard against any such opinion being held by churchmen; and they think that a more direct control and supervision of the subject by the Convention, will be one means of preventing its prevalence.

Your committee are of opinion that the machinery of a Society in the management of an individual Sunday School, is unnecessary; and sometimes gives rise to the evil to which they have alluded, and against which they would wish to guard.

Your committee recommend to the Convention the adoption of the accompanying Resolutions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, JOHN S. STONE, JAMES MORSS, JOHN A. VAUGHAN, } *Committee.*

Resolved, That at this, and every succeeding annual Convention, a committee, consisting of four clergymen and three laymen, shall be elected, to be denominated the "Committee on Sunday Schools;" to whom shall be committed the interests of the Sunday Schools in this State, with the same objects as were intended to be accomplished by the Massachusetts Episcopal Sunday School Society, established by the Convention of this State, in 1828.

Resolved, That said Committee be authorized and empowered to receive from the Massachusetts Episcopal Sunday School Society, the records and papers of that institution; and that they be considered as a part of the records of said committee.

Resolved, That said Committee be authorized to make such By-laws and Regulations for their proceedings, and to adopt such measures for the promotion of the interests of Sunday Schools in this State, as they may think expedient; subject, in all cases, to the approval of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Edson, the above report was accepted and the accompanying resolutions adopted.

The committee on amending the third article of the constitution, made a verbal report; and on motion of the Rev. Mr. Wolcott,

Resolved, That the further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Morss,

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to elect four clergymen and three laymen, as the committee on Sunday schools.

Whereupon, the following gentlemen were declared duly chosen.

Rev. John S. Stone,
" Theodore Edson,
" William Croswell,
" Horace L. Conolly.

Mr. Benjamin Howard,
Mr. Samuel Cutler,
Mr. Joseph W. Ingraham.

The attention of the Convention was then called by the Rev. Dr. Morss to the subject of missions, which resulted in an interesting discussion of the subject, and the unanimous adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Convention do now proceed to elect a Board of Missions for the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, to consist of three clergymen and three laymen ; of which Board the Bishop shall be ex officio President ; said Board to be organized with Treasurer and Secretary, and to make annual report to this Convention ; and that all missionary bodies existing, or hereafter to exist within the Commonwealth, be invited to become auxiliary to said Board, on the express condition that each of such bodies be allowed to designate the manner in which its funds shall be applied.

Whereupon, the following gentlemen were declared duly chosen as the Board of Missions, for the year ensuing :—

Rt. Rev. ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD, D. D.

Rev. John S. Stone,	Benjamin P. Richardson, Esq.
" Jona. M. Wainwright, D.D.	Mr. Benjamin Howard.
" William H. Lewis.	Mr. Samuel Cutler.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Wolcott,

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to employ a writer to transcribe the journal of the last and present Convention into the record book, and that the expense be defrayed from the contingent fund.

At half past 9 o'clock, P. M. the Convention united in singing the 133d Psalm. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold then prayed, and having pronounced the benediction, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest, ALFRED L. BAURY,
Secretary of the Convention.

Dr. **Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, in account with ISAAC BOYLE, Treasurer.** *Cr.*

1835.			
Aug.	To assessment for contingent expenses of the General Convention for this year, as per voucher No. 1,	$	28 50
Sept. 5.	" Adams & Torrey, for printing Journal of State Convention for this year, (No. 2,)		62 75
Oct. 28.	" Rev. Titus Strong, for travelling expenses to General Convention, (No. 3,)		25 00
1836.			
June 15.	" sundry postages paid by Secretary and Treasurer,		1 23
16.	Balance transferred to new account,		146 55
		$	264 03

1835.			
June 19.	By balance of old account,		99 78
	" sums received of the following Churches for contingent expenses under the canon of 1828:		
Oct. 28.	St. Paul's Church, Boston,		37 50
Dec.	St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, 1834,		10 00
1836.			
May 27.	Christ Church, Clappville,		7 50
28.	St. Michael's, Marblehead,		9 75
June 9.	St. Thomas's, Taunton,		7 50
15.	Trinity Church, Bridgewater,		4 50
	St. John's, Wilkinsonville,		4 50
	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, 1836,		9 00
	St. James's, Great Barrington,		6 00
	St. Luke's, Lanesboro',		5 00
	Christ Church, Cambridge,		5 00
	St. Mark's, Blandford,		5 00
	St. Paul's, Stockbridge,		5 00
	St. Peter's, Salem,		12 00
	St. Andrew's, Hanover,		6 00
	St. Paul's, Newburyport,		10 00
	St. Mary's, Newton,		4 50
	Grace Church, Boston,		8 00
16.	St. Paul's, Dedham,		7 50
		$	264 03

Boston, June 16, 1836. **Errors Excepted,** **ISAAC BOYLE,** *Treasurer of Mass. Convention.*

The Treasurer remarks with pleasure, that the canon of 1828 has been very generally complied with. His imperative duty, however, compels him reluctantly to mention the few following exceptions, viz: Christ Church, Quincy; St. Anne's, Lowell; and St. John's, Ashfield. Payment was made by two Churches in Boston in July, to be credited in next account.

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS, ESTABLISHED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1830.

Church	Place	Minister	Baptisms		Communicants.			Confirmed	Marriages	Burials	Sunday Schools *	Bible Class *	Missionary Societies	Missionary Contributions
			Infants	Adults	Added	Died or removed	Present number							

N. B. It is expected, that the Clergyman will make such observations, as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish, and of his ministerial services, during the past year.

* Under these heads, it is desirable that the number of members should be stated.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS. JUNE, 1836.

Counties.	Towns.	Churches.	Ministers.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed	Marriages	Burials	S. School Scholars	Bible Class	Mission'y Societies	Miss. Contributions
				Infants	Adults	Total	Died or removed	Added	Present number							
Suffolk	Boston	Trinity	J. M. Weinwright, D. D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
		Christ	William Croswell	45	0	45	12	8	166	0	19	26	300	†	1	800,00
		St. Paul's	John S. Stone	32	2	34	25	17	250	9	8	18	135	†	1	5225,00
		Grace	vacant	*	*	*	*	*	60	14	*	3	100	35	*	*
		St. Matthew's	Horace L. Conolly	17	*	17	5	10	40	*	2	10	125	15	1	155,00
		Miss'y Chapel	Asa Eaton, D. D.	50	*	50	*	*	100	8	12	26	50	†		†
		House of Ref.	George F. Haskins	9	*	9	*	*	*	*	*	4	60	12		†
		School of M.D.	E. M. P. Wells	§	§	6	*	*	12	*	*	*	60	†		375,00
Norfolk	Quincy	Christ	Daniel Leach	4	*	4	2	7	57	*	1	8	80	†		50,00
	Dedham	St. Paul's	Samuel B. Babcock	13	2	15	4	10	36	3	1	5	35	†	1	200,00
	Roxbury	St. James's	William Staunton	7	*	7	*	16	52	6	*	1	62	52	1	16,00
Essex	Newburyport	St. Paul's	James Morss, D. D.	20	4	24	7	9	98	*	5	11	70	†	2	120,00
	Methuen	Mt. Zion	vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	†	*	*
	Salem	St. Peter's	John A. Vaughan	22	*	22	5	10	80	4	7	10	80	15	2	402,00
	Marblehead	St. Michael's	William H. Lewis	14	*	14	11	5	74	7	2	12	120	†	2	194,01
	Amesbury	St. James's	Henry M. Davis	1	*	1	*	*	7	*	*	0	50	20	1	*
Middlesex	Andover	Christ	James H. Tyng	3	1	4	*	4	20	7	1	2	30	†	†	*
	Cambridge	Christ	M. A. DeW. Howe	5	*	5	4	13	35	6	3	3	20	†	1	135,00
	Newton L. Falls	St. Mary's	Alfred L. Baury	11	*	11	3	4	69	6	9	10	90	30	2	100,00
	Lowell	St. Anne's	Theodore Edson	39	5	44	14	33	127	20	10	26	200	15	2	400,00
	Hopkinton	St. Paul's	vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hampshire	Northampton	St. John's	William Chaderton	*	*	*	2	4	15	*	1	*	24	†	†	5,52
Plymouth	Hanover	St. Andrew's	Samuel G. Appleton	*	*	*	4	4	40	3	8	15	80	†	†	90,00
	Marshfield	Trinity	Samuel G. Appleton	*	*	*	*	*	15	*	*	*	*	†	†	*
Bristol	Bridgewater	Trinity	William Warland, Jr.	3	2	5	3	2	28	*	*	4	40	†	1	44,62
	Taunton	St. Thomas's	Samuel Hassard	8	*	8	1	9	40	*	1	4	80	20	1	137,00
	New Bedford	Grace	Nathaniel T. Bent	*	*	*	5	5	31	*	4	5	75	20	1	25,00
Worcester	Chappville	Christ	Henry Blackaller	6	*	6	9	4	40	*	1	2	50	10	1	29,47
	Wilkinsonville	St. John's	Dan'l L. B. Goodwin	6	8	14	12	12	39	13	3	6	97	7	1	45,00
Hampden	Springfield	Christ	Samuel M'Burney	1	1	1	*	3	20	*	1	1	14	†	†	*
	Southwick	———	vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	†	†	*
	Blandford	St. Marks	Calvin Wolcott	*	*	*	3	*	8	*	1	4	40	†	†	*
Franklin	Greenfield	St. James's	Titus Strong	11	2	13	3	4	69	*	3	3	40	12	†	50,00
	Montague	Trinity	Rodolphus Dickinson	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	†	*
	Ashfield	St. John's	vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	†	*
Berkshire	Otis	St. Paul's	Calvin Wolcott	*	*	*	1	1	14	*	1	6	25	10	1	10,00
	Lenox	Trinity	vacant	*	*	*	1	2	36	*	1	2	*	*	†	*
	Lanesborough	St. Luke's	Samuel B. Shaw	*	*	*	*	*	63	*	0	7	*	*	†	7,00
	Great Barrington	St. James's	Sturges Gilbert	4	1	5	*	*	90	*	6	12	*	*	†	*
	Pittsfield	St. Stephen's	Edward Ballard	9	2	11	8	11	63	8	5	7	50	20	†	108,50
	Stockbridge	St. Paul's	vacant	*	*	*	2	2	12	4	*	*	*	*	†	*
				340	30	375	146	209	1913	118	116	253	2288	293	22	8724,19

* No report. † None reported. ‡ Not specified.

CANON OF 1828.

RESPECTING CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum and one half of one per centum* on the salary of its minister; and those parishes which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay-delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify, in his annual Report, what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, *viz.* to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop to this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergyman in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall be entitled to five copies at least of every publication printed by order of the Convention.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

AS AMENDED

IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1834.

ARTICLE I.

This Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth, at Boston, on the third Wednesday in June, in every year; unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop, and the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every other clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, being a settled minister, or regularly officiating in some parish within this Commonwealth; or being a President, Professor, Tutor, or Instructor in some College or Seminary of learning, and performing clerical functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ecclesiastical authority of this Commonwealth, or a Chaplain in the army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resident within this State for the space of six calendar months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been canonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyman, otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shall by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Commonwealth in union with this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay-delegate, or delegates not exceeding three, a certificate of whose appointment, signed by the Wardens, or Parish Clerk, shall, before his or their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention. Provided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay-delegate, unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which he represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entitled, on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Convention. But in case of a vacancy, or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay-delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for; in which case, a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annualiy to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

NOTICE.

The next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, will be held in St. Paul's Church, Boston, on the *third Wednesday* of June, 1837, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Secretary.*

JOURNAL

OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

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LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

JUNE, A. D., 1837.

The Rt. Rev. ALEXANDER VIETS GRISWOLD, D. D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, Boston.

The Rev. ETHAN ALLEN, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Otis.

The Rev. SAMUEL G. APPLETON, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hanover; and officiating in Trinity Church, Marshfield.

The Rev. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

The Rev. EDWARD BALLARD, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

The Rev. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

The Rev. NATHANIEL T. BENT, Rector of Grace Church, New Bedford.

The Rev. HENRY BLACKALLER, Rector of Christ Church, Clappville.

The Rev. JOHN L. BLAKE, residing in New York.

The Rev. ISAAC BOYLE, Treasurer of the Convention, occasionally officiating, Boston.

The Rev. EDWARD C. BULL, residing in New York.

The Rev. WILLIAM COOK, Salem.

The Rev. THOMAS M. CLARK, Rector of Grace Church, Boston.

The Rev. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, officiating in Christ Church, Andover.

The Rev. HORACE L. CONOLLY, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

The Rev. WILLIAM CROSWELL, Rector of Christ Church, Boston.

The Rev. HENRY M. DAVIS, officiating in St. James's Church, Amesbury.

The Rev. THEODORE EDSON, Rector of St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

The Rev. FRANCIS A. FOXCROFT.

The Rev. STURGIS GILBERT, Rector of St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

The Rev. DANIEL L. B. GOODWIN, Rector of St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

The Rev. JAMES B. GOODWIN, Deacon, residing in Norton.

The Rev. PATRICK H. GREENLEAF, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

The Rev. GEORGE T. HASKINS.

The Rev. SAMUEL HASSARD, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

The Rev. MARK A. D'W. HOWE, Rector of St. James's Church, Roxbury.

The Rev. SAMUEL F. JARVIS, D. D., Professor in Washington College, Hartford, Connecticut.

The Rev. JOHN T. LATHROP, Deacon, teacher in a public school, Boston.

The Rev. DANIEL LEACH, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy.

The Rev. WILLIAM H. LEWIS, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

The Rev. CHARLES MASON, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.

The Rev. SAMUEL M'BURNEY, Minister of a Free Church, Boston.

The Rev. ZECHARIAH MEAD, officiating in Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

The Rev. JAMES MORSS, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

The Rev. JOSEPH PACKARD, Deacon, Professor in the Theological Seminary of Virginia, Alexandria, D. C.

The Rev. SAMUEL P. PARKER, Deacon, residing in Stockbridge.

The Rev. JACOB PIERSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield.

The Rev. SAMUEL B. SHAW, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

The Rev. THEODORE W. SNOW, Deacon, officiating in the Diocese of Connecticut.

The Rev. HORATIO SOUTHGATE, Jr., Missionary to Persia.

The Rev. JOHN S. STONE, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

The Rev. TITUS STRONG, Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield.

The Rev. CHARLES C. TAYLOR, Deacon, officiating in St. John's Church, Northampton.

The Rev. WILLIAM THURSTON, Deacon.

The Rev. JAMES H. TYNG, residing in the Diocese of Maryland.

The Rev. THOMAS H. VAIL, Rector of Christ Church, Cambridge.

The Rev. JONATHAN M. WAINWRIGHT, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. MILTON WARD, M. D., officiating in St. Mark's Church, Blandford.

The Rev. GEORGE WATERS, officiating in Christ Church, Lynn.

The Rev. JOHN L. WATSON, Assistant Minister on the Greene foundation, Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, Rector of the School of Moral Discipline, South Boston.

The Rev. CALVIN WOLCOTT, officiating in Stockbridge and Lee.

[Total, 52.]

The Rev. RODOLPHUS DICKINSON, of South Carolina, residing in Deerfield, and officiating part of his time in Trinity Church, Montague.

The Rev. GALEN HICKS, of South Corolina, residing in Taunton.

The Rev. WILLIAM WITHINGTON, of New York, residing in Dorchester.



JOURNAL.

BOSTON, JUNE 21, A. D. 1837.

THIS being the appointed time and place for holding the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates assembled in St. Paul's Church, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Rt. Rev. ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD, D. D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, being absent on a journey, the Rev. JAMES MORSS, D. D., was requested to take the chair.

A list of the Clerical members of the Convention was then called by the Secretary, when the following being present, answered to their names :—

Rev. Samuel G. Appleton,
" Samuel B. Babcock,
" Edward Ballard,
" Alfred L. Baury,
" Nathaniel T. Bent,
" Thomas M. Clark,
" Joseph H. Clinch,
" William Croswell,
" Theodore Edson,
" Dan'l L. B. Goodwin,
" Patrick H. Greenleaf,
" Samuel Hassard,
" Mark A. D'W. Howe,
Rev. Daniel Leach,
" Charles Mason,
" Samuel McBurney,
" James Morss, D. D.,
" Jacob Pierson,
" Samuel B. Shaw,
" John S. Stone,
" Titus Strong,
" Thomas H. Vail,
" J. M. Wainwright, D.D.,
" John L. Watson,
" E. M. P. Wells.

The following gentlemen then presented testimonials of their respective appointments as Lay Delegates, and took their seats, viz :—

Trinity Church, Boston. Joseph Rowe, William H. Gardiner.

St. Paul's Church, Boston. Jeremiah Mason, Henry Upham, Joseph C. Brodhead.

Christ Church, Boston. Henry C. Huggerford, Robert Farley.

Grace Church, Boston. Benjamin Howard, Edward S. Rand, Josiah Daniell.

Grace Church, New Bedford. Henry W. Lee.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton. William A. Crocker.

Christ Church, Quincy. Eliphalet Smith, Josiah Saville.

Christ Church, Cambridge. Isaac Lum.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. Lewis Armsby, George Sawyer.

Trinity Church, Marshfield. Luther Little.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover. Daniel Bassett, Lemuel C. Waterman.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater. Silas Warren, John Edson.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell. John O. Green, Wm. Smith.

St. Peter's Church, Salem. John Howard, Thomas Needham.

St. Paul's Church, Dedham. Luther Tower.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield. Edward A. Newton.

St. James's Church, Amesbury. William P. Whittier.

St. James's Church, Roxbury. John Living.

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls. Ezra Nichols, Ezra Warren.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq.,

Resolved, That a committee to consist of three clergymen and two laymen be appointed, to whom the right of membership and certificates of Lay Delegates to this Convention be referred.

Whereupon, the Rev. Messrs. Ballard, Goodwin, and Baury, of the clergy, Edward A. Newton and John Edson, Esqrs., of the laity, were chosen to compose said committee.

The hour of divine service having arrived, morning prayer was celebrated by the Rev. Samuel B. Shaw, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough, assisted by the Rev. Daniel Leach, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy ; and a sermon was preached by the Rev. William Croswell, Rector of Christ Church, Boston, from Psalm 122. The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered by the Rev. Messrs. Shaw and Leach.

After which, the Rev. Dr. Morss resumed the chair, whereupon the committee on clerical membership and the election of Lay Delegates to the Convention, presented the following report:—

That of the *Lay Delegates*, all whose certificates of election have been read are entitled to seats.

Of the *Clergy*, the following being actually and canonically resident within this Commonwealth, and otherwise qualified according to article third of the constitution, are entitled to seats:—The Right Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese; the Rev. Messrs. S. G. Appleton, S. B. Babcock, E. Ballard, A. L. Baury, H. Blackaller, N. T. Bent, J. H. Clinch, T. M. Clark, Jr., H. L. Conolly, W. Croswell, H. M. Davis, T. Edson, S. Gilbert, D. L. B. Goodwin, P. H. Greenleaf, S. Hassard, M. A. D'W. Howe, D. Leach, W. H. Lewis, S. McBurney, J. Morss, D. D., S. B. Shaw, J. S. Stone, T. Strong, T. H. Vail, J. M. Wainwright, D. D., J. L. Watson, E. M. P. Wells, C. Wolcott, E. Allen.

That the following clergymen attached to the Church in this Commonwealth, are not entitled to seats:—Rev. Messrs. J. L. Blake, I. Boyle, E. C. Bull, F. A. Foxcroft, S. F. Jarvis, D. D., J. T. Lathrop, Z. Mead, J. Packard, S. P. Parker, H. Southgate, Jr., J. H. Tyng, M. Ward, M. D., G. Waters, J. B. Goodwin, W. Thurston, T. W. Snow, C. C. Taylor, W. Cook.

The committee are not sufficiently informed as to the Rev. G. F. Haskins's case, to decide whether he is entitled to a seat or not.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, Edward Ballard, *Chairman.*

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong, this report was accepted.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq.,

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to the appointment by nomination of President and Secretary, and that a ballot be dispensed with in these elections.

The Rev. James Morss, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, having been nominated, was duly elected President.

The Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rector of St. Mary's Church,

Newton Lower Falls, on nomination, was voted for and declared re-elected Secretary of the Convention for the ensuing year.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Ballard, the standing rules of order were adopted in transacting the business of this Convention, and read, as follows:—

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Morning Service of the Church shall be performed every day, during the session of this Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

7. Every member, who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the question.

8. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone it; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

10. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the house is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the President leave his chair.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Howe,

Resolved, That the clergy of this Commonwealth not consti

tutionally members of this Convention, visiting clergymen, candidates for holy orders, and such other friends of the Protestant Episcopal Communion as desire to attend upon the deliberations of the same, be admitted to honorary seats.

Whereupon, the following clergymen were received:—

The Rev. Messrs. Isaac Boyle, John T. Lathrop, Geo. Waters, and William Thurston, of Massachusetts.

The Rev. James Milnor, D. D., Rector of St. George's Church, New York.

The Rev. John A. Vaughan, General Agent and Secretary of the Foreign Committee of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, New York.

The Rev. William J. Boone, M. D., of South Carolina, Missionary to China, by appointment of the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America.

The Rev. George C. Shepard, Rector of Christ Church, Stratford, Connecticut.

The Rev. Josiah M. Bartlett, Rector of Trinity Church, Brooklyn, Connecticut.

The Rev. Carlton Chase, Rector of Immanuel Church, Bellows Falls, Vermont.

The Rev. David S. Devens, of the Diocese of Vermont.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Croswell, the Convention proceeded to the choice, by nomination, of a Treasurer, when the Rev. Isaac Boyle, of the city of Boston, was declared re-elected.

Written evidence having been laid before the Convention of new parishes being formed in Andover, Fall River, and Lynn, which had acceded to the constitution and canons of the Church, and now desire to be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Clinch,

Resolved, That Christ Church, Andover, be received into union with this Convention.

Whereupon, Mr. John Derby presented a certificate of his appointment, and took his seat in Convention as Lay Delegate from Christ Church, Andover.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq.,

Resolved, That the Church of the Ascension, Fall River, be admitted into union with this Convention.

Whereupon, Messrs. Cyrus Alden and P. Talbot, presented a certificate of appointment, and took their seats in Convention as Lay Delegates from the Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Babcock,

Resolved, That Christ Church, Lynn, be admitted into union with this Convention.

Whereupon, Messrs. Edward S. Davis and John Bowler presented a certificate of appointment, and took their seats as Lay Delegates of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the reading of Parochial Reports be now entered upon.

After which, the Convention adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

St. Paul's Church, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment, the Rev. Dr. Morss in the chair.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of one clergyman and one lay delegate be appointed to designate the time and place for the next annual Convention to assemble, and also to nominate the preacher and a substitute.

Whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Edson, and the Hon. Jeremiah Mason, were appointed to compose said committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Leach,

Resolved, That a committee to consist of three clergymen be appointed to examine the canon of 1802 respecting the mode of trying disorderly clergymen, and report whether any, and if any, what alterations in the same are necessary or expedient.

Whereupon, the Rev. Messrs. Leach, Stone, and Strong, were appointed to compose said committee.

The reading of Parochial Reports, in pursuance of Canon VII. Sec. 1, of the General Convention, was resumed. They are as follows:—

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

SUFFOLK COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Boston.

In consequence of the absence of the Rector of this Church, during the summer and autumn of 1836, and the want of canonical residence on the part of the Assistant Minister, no report of this Church was made at the last Convention; the following statement, therefore, embraces a period of two years.

Baptisms, 68. Marriages, 32. Funerals, 30. Communicants, about 280. Sunday schools, 2; scholars, about 140.

An association has been formed by the Ladies of the Parish, in aid of the general missionary objects of the Church, and the amounts which have already been collected, evince considerable interest in the cause of missions.

The Parish Sunday school, which is under the general superintendence of the Rector and the Assistant Minister, is in a flourishing condition; and the general state of the Parish presents much cause for thankfulness to Almighty God.

JONA. M. WAINWRIGHT, *Rector.*
JOHN LEE WATSON, *Assistant Minister.*

Christ Church, Boston.

Baptisms: infants, 59; adults, 2; total, 61. Marriages, 12. Funerals, 21. Communicants, 170. Sunday school, 220. Offerings of the Church, $306. Other missionary and charitable contributions, $500.

WILLIAM CROSWELL, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

This Church was consecrated June 30, 1820. For seventeen years, consequently, have the means of grace been here dispensed. During this period there have been registered, on the books of the parish the names of 380 communicants. Of these, there are found, on the register of *deaths*, the names of 18; on the list of *removed*, 48; on the list of *transferred* to other parishes, 40; and on the list of those, with whom the present Rector has never been able to obtain any acquaintance, 43; leaving on the register the names of 231, to whom he has become personally known.

Of the 43 yet unknown to him, some have doubtless deceased, while others have probably removed, under circumstances, which prevented the record of the fact of either their decease or removal. Their place has been, in part, or in whole, supplied by those, who have become regular attendants on the communion from other parishes, without the formality of presenting certificates of their membership to the Rector; so that the whole number of communicants at present in the parish may be set down at between 230 and 270; probably near the latter.

Since the last Convention, the list of communicants has stood thus:—Added, 13; removed, 15; died, 0; present number, say 260. There have been of deaths, 5; of baptisms, 14; of marriages, 9.

The Sunday schools of the parish are two; that taught in the parish church, containing about the same number of teachers and pupils with that reported last year; and the new school, organized last January, on Boston neck, containing through the winter between 60 and 80 pupils, with a competent supply of teachers from the parish. With this school has been connected a system for the distribution of charitable funds subscribed by the parishioners, and placed under the judicious care of the Rev. T. W. Snow, who, till his recent removal to Connecticut, was also the superintendent of the school. With the parish Sunday school are connected two *Bible Classes*, intended to prepare the oldest pupils for the work of future teachers. The only *missionary organization* in the parish is the St. Paul Circle, composed of the ladies of the parish, and pledged to raise this year $500 for missions in Massachusetts. For other missionary purposes, the whole parish is considered a missionary society, and its monthly concert of prayer for missions is regularly observed, at which contributions for our foreign and domestic operations are made. The missionary and other religious and charitable contributions for the past year have been $5550.

For a part of the past year, the Rector has been compelled, by the state of his health, to abstain from preaching; and throughout the year to relinquish, for the same reason mainly, his usual evening lecture during the week. To these circumstances, and to his too great unfaithfulness at all times, he ascribes the smallness of the number added to the communion, and the fact that there have been no confirmations in the parish since last Convention. The postponement of efforts for the building of a new chapel, or lecture room, for parish uses, is owing to the general depression of prices, rendering the property, from which the funds for the building were to be raised, unsaleable. With the passing away of the present state of commercial embarrassment, it is

hoped and believed that this long desired parish work will go successfully forward.

In the general languor of religious feeling, which pervades our country, this parish participates. May the sufferings, which have fallen on our land, humble us in the sight of God, and prove the means of extensively and permanently reviving amongst us his great, his saving work.

JOHN S. STONE, *Rector.*

Grace Church, Boston.

Baptisms: children, 14; adults, 4. Communicants: added, 48; died and removed, 5; present number, 100. Confirmed, 19. Marriages, 10. Burials, 6. Sunday school, 80. Bible Class, 40. Missionary Societies, 3. Missionary contributions, $550.

This church was consecrated on Tuesday, the 14th of June last, and the State Convention held its annual meeting there on the following day. Public service on the Lord's day was commenced on the 19th; the pews were free to all persons on that and the following Sunday, and the church was filled with an attentive audience. The taxes and rents of pews commenced with the first Sunday in July, and the attendance and increase of the regular congregation since that time has been encouraging.

From June to November, a third service was held in the church every Sunday evening; since that time, the third service has been omitted except on the first Sunday evening of each month. A Bible class is held every Sunday evening; and a lecture, usually in explanation of the Epistle and Gospel for the following Sunday, is held on Friday evenings in the lecture room. A monthly missionary meeting is held on the first Monday evening of each month; and also a meeting of the communicants on the eve of every communion.

The cultivation of religious intercourse and general acquaintance among the members of the congregation has received considerable attention, and the result promises to be advantageous both to the spiritual and temporal prospects of the Church.

An organization of the male members of the parish was completed a few months since under the name of "The Parochial and Missionary Association of Grace Church;" and a similar organization of the female members, under the name of "The Ladies' Sewing Society and Missionary Association." These associations hold separate meetings for social and religious intercourse every alternate week, and contribute *monthly* to the cause of missions.

The stated increase of our number encourages us to put forth more vigorous exertions in future; and it is an interesting circumstance, that great part of these additions is made up of those who have not been heretofore connected with the Episcopal Church.

May God's blessing secure to us the growth of the Spirit, and an increased sense of religious obligation.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *Rector.*

Free Church, Boston.

In the good providence of God we are allowed to record the beginning of another Church in Boston, with encouraging prospects of usefulness. The service was commenced in the beginning of February last. It originated in the supposition of there being an opening for the establishment of a Church at the south part of the city. In particular, it was found that there was a numerous class of persons for whom the benefits of a *free* Church were demanded. It was definitely ascertained that there were about three hundred adult persons without regular places of worship in the southern section of the city within convenient distance to be gathered into one congregation. One hundred children were found needing to be brought into a Sunday school. One third of the whole number of people were found to be of our own communion, from education, early influence, choice or other cause, and in about equal numbers American, English, and Irish. The indications of divine Providence in the ascertainment of these facts were such as could not well be passed by without an effort on behalf of those thus found to be in such spiritual destitution, and for advancing the interests of Christ's Church. The attempt has been thus far successful, as well as productive of good in a degree correspondent to, not to say beyond our anticipations. The congregation worship in Tremont street, in Ward Room, No. 11, the free use of which is had.—Through the liberality of friends in and out of the city, the room has been furnished with seats and prayer-books. It is very commodious, pleasant, and of easy access. The use of an organ is secured from a friend of the Church, a choir formed, and the services of an excellent organist gratuitously rendered. The congregation has averaged in attendance about one hundred persons. For some Sundays past it has been larger. A Sunday school was organized, which has increased from eighteen to upward of seventy children, under a competent number of teachers. A sewing circle has been formed for the benefit of the school. The Communion has been administered three times—first, on

Easter day, to sixteen persons; again, on the first Sunday in May, to twenty-two; and the present month, to a like number. Beside the services of Sunday, a lecture is held regularly on Wednesday evenings, which is well attended. The sum of seventy-two dollars has been contributed, beside a few subscriptions made, partly by persons in the congregation, and in part by persons out of it, to sustain the service of this Church. It is a charity well worthy the support of the pious followers of Christ, who would, according to his command, have the Gospel preached to every creature. Two adult persons of decided piety have been baptized. Others have been awakened, through God's grace, to a sense of their religious duties and an attention to their highest, their eternal interests. We labor, pray, and, with faith in Christ's promises, look for the prosperity and prevalence of his kingdom.

Report for four months and a half, from first February—Baptisms, 6: adults, 2; infants, 4. Communicants, 36. Burials, 2. Marriages, 2. Sunday school scholars, 72; teachers, 11.

SAMUEL McBURNEY.

School for Moral Discipline.

This school has now been in operation three and a half years, during which time 235 boys have been members of it. The past year the school has been divided into senior and junior departments; the senior department being under the immediate direction of the Rector, together with the supervision of the whole. There has also been connected with the school a free department for orphans and the sons of widows, who are unable to support themselves at school, and who require more than ordinary moral discipline. The whole are boarded, clothed, and schooled, some of them without pay, but most of them pay one dollar per week. The intention is to make the income of the senior department pay the deficiency of the free department. There are now 44 boys in the free department, making 100 in all. Besides the Rector, there are six instructers in the English branches, a teacher of the Latin and Greek languages and mathematics, a teacher of Spanish and drawing, and a teacher of French. We have the services of our Church in the chapel on Sundays, the administration of the ordinances and a lecture and prayers on Wednesday evening. We had services on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent, and every day of Passion Week, with the observance of abstinence and fasting as required by our Church. The religious effect of this holy season has been highly beneficial.

We have this year adopted the plan of weekly offerings. To

connect the school visibly with the Church, it has also been placed under the direction and government of the Bishop; the Rev. Dr. Wainwright and Hon. Josiah Quincy, Jr., Esq., being associated with him as visiters.

For the regular performance of the daily religious services of the school, a *Liturgy of the Day* has been adopted, and a copy of which is laid on your table for inspection.

There have been four Baptisms, three received to the Communion, and $345 paid to missionary and charitable societies.

Signed, E. M. P. Wells.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

Christ Church, Quincy.

Baptisms, 14. Communicants: added, 8; died or removed 3; present number, 62. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 4. Sunday school scholars, 75. Bible class, 25. Money raised for benevolent and missionary purposes, $75.

No important changes have taken place in this parish during the past year. It is as prosperous as could be expected under the many causes which have operated to break down its energies and retard its growth. But its members, with a perseverance and liberality worthy of all praise, have sustained it amid every discouragement, till they are now cheered with the hope of soon realizing the fruit of their labor and a full answer to their prayers.

Daniel Leach, *Rector.*

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

Baptisms, 5. Communicants, 37. Confirmed, 1. Marriage, 1. Burials, 3. Sunday scholars, 42. Missionary contributions, $129.

Our congregation has had an encouraging accession of numbers within the past year, several of whom are communicants.—Our Sunday school has increased. We observe statedly a monthly missionary prayer meeting. The Minister does not feel authorized to report that we have that engagedness in spiritual things, which becometh a people so highly favored of God.—Though of scoffers at religion, there are perhaps none; yet with earnestness we must yet ask, "Where is the promise of his coming, for all things continue (too much) as they were?"

Samuel B. Babcock, *Minister.*

St. James's Church, Roxbury.

My pastoral connection with this parish commenced in the latter part of January last; though I did not enter fully upon my duties as Rector, until Sunday, the 26th of February. The condition of the parish in all its outward circumstances, was then highly promising; and so far as might reasonably be expected, in the short space of time, which has since elapsed, those promises have been realized.

Nine additional families have attached themselves to the parish, besides some who are intending to reside in Roxbury only through the summer. *Twenty-two* persons have, during the same period, been added to our list of communicants, and *five* have removed; our present number is *sixty-five.*

The services of the Church on Sunday have been well and increasingly attended; and on Holy-days and other occasional religious exercises, the people have not neglected "the assembling of themselves together as the manner of some is." A service is held on Tuesday evening of each week, at which a familiar expository lecture is delivered. A meeting of the Sunday school teachers occurs on every second Friday evening, which I usually attend. A third service has been sustained on Jamaica Plain, a remote part of this parish, half the Sunday evenings in each month during the year, mostly by the labors of clerical brethren in Boston and its vicinity. By invitation, I officiated there on the evening of the first Sunday after Trinity.

In the afternoon of the same day, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop confirmed *eight persons;* a year and two Sundays having elapsed since that rite was administered in this church.

Eleven hundred dollars have, since the last report, been paid in reduction of our church debt; about half of which amount was raised in the parish, and the remaining half mostly among our liberal brethren of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

The Juvenile Missionary Society composed of Sunday school pupils has within the year contributed *twenty-five dollars* in aid of the Greek Mission, and has paid *eighteen dollars* into the treasury of the Protestant Episcopal Convocation of Massachusetts. The Ladies' Sewing Circle, which has recently become auxiliary to the Convocation, has realized from the labors of its members, *seventy-five dollars.* A general Missionary Association has been recently organized in the parish, on the plan of periodical contributions, with good prospects of efficiency.

Baptisms: infants, 14; adults, 2. Communicants: added, 22; died, 1; removed, 13; present number, 65. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7. Sunday school: 6 male, 6 female

teachers, 61 scholars. Missionary Societies, 2. Contributions to missions and other religious objects, $236 50 cents.

M. A. D'Wolf Howe, *Rector.*

ESSEX COUNTY.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Baptisms: adult, 5; infant, 16; whole number, 21. Marriages, 3. Communicants: added, 10; died or removed, 7; present number, 101. Burials, 10. Confirmed, 18. Sunday scholars, 70. Amount of missionary contributions, $220.

The temporal affairs of this Church are affected in common by the state of the times. In other respects, the aspect of its condition is not materially changed since the last report. It is believed, that without noise or parade, a considerable portion of its members are imbued with a spirit of fervent piety, and that the labors of the present incumbent are not wholly unblest. A continuance of the usual state of harmony and good will among the members, accompanied by a good degree of interest in the ordinances and institutions of the Church, and a desire to imprint and promote their influence on their own hearts and on the community, seem generally to prevail. The Sunday school is in good condition, supplied with active teachers and composed of a uniform number of interesting pupils. Monthly meetings for prayer for success on missions are held and collections made; and although we can report no progress in our temporal affairs or any increase of our numbers, yet considering the difficulties arising from speculative and sceptical sources, and the mass of strange notions floating on the public mind, we consider it some gain to have sustained no loss; and a subject of congratulation that so large a number remain stedfast in the faith once delivered to the saints.

James Morss, *Rector.*

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Baptisms: children, 33; adults, 2—35. Communicants: added, 9; died or removed, 4; present number, 79. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 9. Burials, 19. Sunday school, teachers and scholars, about 100. Missionary and other contributions, $228 81 cents.

It is worthy of record, that a Sewing Society which was organized December, 1831, has continued its regular meetings once a fortnight with scarce an intermission, until the present time. The amount of its earnings during that period is $811 88

which has been expended for various benevolent purposes, and which has never been included in any parochial report. The attendance upon weekly lectures and monthly concerts has greatly increased, and we trust that the Spirit of God has, in some measure, accompanied the means of grace, with his blessing.

WILLIAM H. LEWIS, *Rector.*

St. James's Church, Amesbury Mills.

Baptisms: 4 children. Confirmed, 10. Number of communicants, 20; added, 17; removed, 7. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Missionary Society, 1. Missionary contributions, $20. Sunday school scholars, 40; teachers, 8: 4 male, 4 female.

At the last Convention, the effort had just commenced to resuscitate this society, which then had become almost extinct. Its very existence was at that time precarious. By the blessing of divine Providence and through the aid of friends abroad, considerable headway has been made towards its permanent establishment and self support. It is still, however, in its infancy; and its temporal prosperity, like that of others in manufacturing villages, will continue to fluctuate with the times. Within the past year, a small but very convenient building has been completed and supplied with every thing necessary to the full and solemn performance of our admirable liturgy. This building was consecrated in October, and the pews were immediately rented for a very good sum. More would have been taken, had there been more to let. The proprietors are much encouraged at what they have accomplished the past year, and though few in number, they seem disposed to do according to their ability in support of the Church. The spiritual growth of this Church has not been such as we should wish. The majority of those who have been added, have been drawn from the communion of other denominations. Still we have good reason to rejoice for what we have already seen. And we take courage from the conviction that the labor and expense that have been devoted to this missionary station the past year, have not been in vain. May the divine blessing, in answer to the prayers of our Christian brethren, descend in refreshing showers upon this little branch of our Zion.

HENRY M. DAVIS, *Minister.*

Christ Church, Andover.

Baptisms, 0. Communicants: added, 5; died or removed, 0; present number, 25. Confirmed, 0. Marriages, 0. Burials, 0. Sunday School scholars, 40.

From the last session of this Convention to the first of

December, the undersigned has officiated, in Boston, once in Trinity Church, once in St. Paul's Church, once in Grace Church, and six times in St. Matthew's Church. He has also performed divine service and preached, once in St. James's Church, Roxbury,—twice in St. Paul's Church, Dedham,—once in St. Thomas's Church, Taunton,—once in Grace Church, New Bedford,—three times in Christ Church, Quincy,—twice in Christ Church, Cambridge,—twice in St. Peter's Church, Salem,—and twice in St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.—From the first of December to the present time, he has been fulfilling a temporary engagement with the parish of Christ Church, Andover. This Church, with scarcely any external aid, and in defiance of many discouraging circumstances, has been enabled to struggle into a healthy existence. The congregation are now employed in the erection of a suitable place of worship, in which, whilst they have taken much pains to obtain the best model, they have prudently avoided the too common error of incurring a heavy debt, for the sake of useless ornament. It is gratifying to be able to state that all their proceedings in this matter, have been characterized by a spirit of great unanimity and mutual concession. Some individuals have been exceedingly liberal in their donations, and all who are engaged in the enterprise, have evinced great activity and zeal. There is every reason to hope, by the blessing of God, that their exertions will be crowned with abundant success. Since the first organization of this parish, the public services have been performed in a hall capable of holding about 300 persons;—this is always well filled with an attentive and interested congregation, and there is much encouragement to hope that good has already been effected. With the exception of two or three occasions, when the weather has been unfavorable, there have been three full services and preaching every Sunday,—the third service is always numerously attended. There are at present several candidates for Confirmation, but it has been deemed advisable to defer the administration of that rite until the new church is consecrated, which will probably be in September.

It may be as well to state as a sufficient reason why no sums have yet been collected for missionary purposes in this parish, that it is only by great personal sacrifices on the part of all the congregation, that the Church has hitherto been sustained.

This Church is, on many accounts, a very important one, and is probably destined to exert a very wide and beneficial influence. A good feeling is evinced towards it by the other denominations, and its establishment, under the present happy auspices, must be considered as highly encouraging, and affording a cause of thank-

fulness to the great Head of the Church. May it be sustained, and eventually become one of the strong holds of Zion!

JOSEPH H. CLINCH, *Officiating Minister.*

Christ Church, Lynn.

This parish has been in existence a little more than one year. It was formed principally out of new materials, and its original was quite small. They have, however, done well during the past year, in erecting a very neat and commodious church edifice, which has just been completed, and opened with good promise of considerable accession to their strength. The number of those who are now about to commence worshipping here, cannot be immediately ascertained. Divine service was regularly sustained under the ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Ward, until April last. They have been continued since that time, under their present minister, with the interruption of a few Sundays, occasioned by the loss of their old place of worship by fire. There has been a few constant and faithful attendants upon these services, and it is believed, not without spiritual benefit. The Communion has never been administered in this parish; there are several connected with it, who are ready and desirous to be confirmed, and to come to the table of the Lord, at the first opportunity. A Sabbath school has just been commenced in the new church. There have been two infant baptisms, and one burial. All contributions have gone towards defraying the expenses of the society;—and it is agreeable to say that the church is completed with comparatively very little accumulation of debt. Their present minister is a Missionary of the Mass. Episcopal Convocation.

GEORGE WATERS, *Minister.*

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Christ Church, Cambridge.

At the meeting of the last Convention, the minister reporting was officiating in the town of Worcester, as a missionary under the direction of the Bishop. At that time the society in Worcester, was desirous of erecting a house for public worship, as they felt that their prosperity depended very much upon accomplishing this desire. They had then just failed in their first attempt. Afterwards, in September and October, an effort was made to raise the means for building a small, simple and very cheap church. But in this, likewise, through providential causes, they were disappointed. The services were still continued

however, until the 15th of January, of the current year, when, by the advice and consent of the Bishop and Board of Missions, they were finally suspended. It is but justice to the members of that society to state, that the inconveniences of the place where they were accustomed to worship, (an upper hall in the Town House, the most convenient which could then be procured,) made a church absolutely indispensable to their permanent success; and that, in endeavoring to procure the erection of a church, they acted deliberately and cautiously, and by the advice of those best qualified to counsel, not only in Worcester, but in other places in the State. It is a consolation to reflect that the failure of our efforts there, although in some degree imputable to the weakness of the instrumentality employed, is yet chiefly the result of providential embarrassments;—while we are further allowed to hope that the seed sown there, both for Christ and the Episcopal Church, will not be eventually nor utterly lost. Since his last report, the Missionary has baptized 2 infants and buried 2 children in Worcester. On the 22d (4th Sunday) of January, I commenced a temporary supply of the pulpit in Cambridge, and continued it until Easter. On the 10th of April, (two weeks after Easter,) I entered upon the Rectorship of Christ Church, Cambridge.

It is proper to state in this present report, that my acquaintance with this parish has been continued only from January of the current year, and that my connection with it as Rector, has been of less than three months duration. The former Rector resigned his charge of the parish shortly after the rising of the last Convention; although he very kindly maintained a supply of the services of the Lord's day, until the same was transferred to me in January, as just stated. The general prosperity of the parish during the past year, therefore, illustrates, in a special manner, the watchfulness and fostering care of the good shepherd of the sheep. The parish includes at this date, about 37 families, besides a few other pewholders, persons occupying seats in the church, and a considerable number of students from the University. The report of the state of the parish since the meeting of the last Convention, according to the best information to be procured, is as follows:

Baptisms, 0. Communicants, 38; died or removed, 9; added, 12; Confirmed, 6; Marriages, 1; Burials, 3. Sunday school: teachers, 5; scholars, 28. Missionary Sewing Society, 1. Missionary contributions: $101,00. Charitable collections, about $30.

May the Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier of the faithful, visit this congregation with his love and favor.

THOMAS H. VAIL, *Rector.*

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

Baptisms: infants, 62; adults, 17.—79. Communicants: added, 50; died or removed, 14; present number, 163. Confirmed, 42. Marriages, 11. Burials, 15. Sabbath school scholars, 335.

This parish has, by the blessing of God, been favored with increasing prosperity. Our stated congregation has been as great as the number of seats will allow. If our accommodations were enlarged, we might gather a much greater number of worshippers. An addition to the Sunday school house has been made, which was readily filled up, and which accounts for the increase of pupils reported this year. Divine service is regularly sustained in the Sabbath school house, by lay reading during Church hours, for the benefit of such children as are not provided with seats in church.

Conformably to the pledge given by the delegation of this parish to the last Convention, the sum of four hundred dollars was promptly raised for the Theological Seminary. Also, one hundred dollars promised by the Education Society of this parish, has been paid, and the whole, amounting to five hundred dollars, is now invested, and awaits the order of the Board of Trustees.

The ladies of the Sewing Circle pursue, with unabated zeal, their useful and benevolent purpose; and the Ladies' Missionary Society continues in efficient operation.

This parish has contributed to various charitable objects during the year, about one thousand dollars.

The pleasing evidence of increasing engagedness, both in the subject of personal religion, and in the general advancement of the cause of Christ, as manifested by many in the congregation, affords matter for gratitude to Him, in whose hands are the hearts of men, and who has made them willing to devote themselves to his service. T. Edson, *Rector.*

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

Baptisms, 13: infants, 10; adults, 3. Communicants: added, 14; removed, 3; present number, 80. Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 6. Burials, 5. Sunday school scholars, 93. Bible Class, 37. Missionary societies, 2. Missionary contributions, $120.

This parish has enjoyed a more than usual degree of spiritual and temporal prosperity during the conventional year now closing.

There is no increase of population in the village, yet the

additions to the communion, and demands for sittings in th church, induces the belief that the people are walking in the fe of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost.

The Bible class, which continues to be well attended, h proved a nursery for the Sunday school. From its membe have been taken devoted and competent teachers, who are she ding an healthful influence on the minds of the rising generatio

There are about 400 volumes in the Juvenile Library. female communicant has made successful efforts in raising fun towards increasing the parish library.

While the Sewing Circle is noticed as an instrument of goc it is devoutly hoped its members will not become weary in w doing.

The Temperance Society has here some fast friends, wh not a few have cause to bless God for its establishment.

Beside the amount of missionary collections above report contributions have been taken up in aid of several ecclesiasti and benevolent objects.

These, however, not being supposed to fall within the p scribed form of parochial report established by the Conventi of 1830, are here unnoticed.

There would, however, be the suppression of grateful emoti in the pastor's breast, in not alluding to the increased provisi made by the congregation of St. Mary's, for his tempo comfort. As also to a liberal gratuity presented at Easter, token of the people's affection and good will towards him, w for many years has ministered to them in holy things.

May God remember them concerning this, and not wipe c their good deeds which they have done for our God, and t offices thereof.

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Rector.*

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

St. John's Church, Northampton.

At the request of the Wardens and Vestry of the Church began to officiate here on the 1st of November, 1836,—I cc tinued until May 7th, 1837. During this period, there ha been,—Baptisms: children, 3. Communicants: added, 3; moved, 2; present number, about 20. Confirmed, 1. Buri 1. Missionary contributions, Easter collections, $5 00.

F. A. FOXCROFT.

The subscriber respectfully represents to this Convention, t

besides the duty performed at Northampton, as above reported, he has, during the ecclesiastical year, preached 12 Sundays, administered the Holy Communion twice, once at Lowell, and once at the City Mission Chapel in Boston, and baptized one child.

F. A. Foxcroft.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

St. James's Church, Greenfield.

Baptisms: infants, 11; adults, 0; whole number, 11. Communicants: added, 1; died, 1; present number, 65. Marriages, 9. Burials, 6. Sunday scholars, 60. Missionary contributions, $60.

The concerns of this parish, are, it is hoped and believed, both temporally and spiritually, prosperous. Within the past year, improvements and repairs have been made in the interior of the church, to the amount of several hundred dollars. A benevolent individual of the parish has furnished the church, at his own expense, with an elegant chandelier, pulpit and desk lamps, at a cost of more than 150 dollars, and at the last parish meeting, an addition was voluntarily made to the salary of the Rector. But what is of far more importance than all, the influences of the Divine Spirit seem to have attended the ministrations of the Word of God, and under the sanctifying application of the means of grace, so richly and abundantly possessed in the institutions and ordinances of the Saviour's appointment, we are cheered and encouraged with the evidence that conversions have taken place from sin to holiness, and "of such as shall be saved."

T. Strong, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

Baptisms: children, 5; adults, 1. Communicants: added, 1; died or removed, 4; present number, 32. Confirmed, 1. Marriage, 1. Burials, 2. Sunday school, 30. Bible Class, 20. Easter collection, $5. Bishop's Fund, $350.

The undersigned took the charge of this parish in July last. Since that time, the ordinary services of Sunday have been regularly performed;—the intervenient time has been devoted to an interesting Bible Class,—and occasionally a third service has been held in the evening. The Holy Communion has been administered monthly; and lectures have frequently been preached in different parts of the town, and several times in towns adjacent.

The Sunday school, which was necessarily discontinued during the winter, has recommenced, and under a new organization promises to reward the assiduity of the teachers.

This Church, from its beginning, has had to encounter many difficulties, and very often to deplore the removal of its best friends and most able supporters. It has, however, a small number of sincere friends remaining, who are still willing to contribute to its support, as much, according to their means, as the sustainers of any association. Nevertheless, they are not able to sustain it alone, and looking confidently to God for a continuance of his blessing, and heartily thanking all those who have hitherto assisted them, they await, with no ordinary solicitude, the prayers of their friends, and the aid of the Missionary Board.

JACOB PEARSON, *Rector.*

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

Baptisms: 5 infants. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 3. Funerals, 11. Communicants: added, 3; died, 4; present number, 38. Missionary and other contributions, $90. Sunday school, 100 scholars and 13 teachers.

No material change has taken place in the temporal state of this parish since the last Convention, except that it has received an addition of several new families. The congregation has been gradually increasing since my connection with it, and the attendance upon divine service was never better than at the present time, since the establishment of the Church.

Though but few have been added to the communion, there are some evidences that the Word of God has not been dispensed in vain. The Sunday school is in a more flourishing state than usual. Not only has the number in attendance increased, but greater interest is apparently felt by all concerned. The apostolic plan of systematic charity is still continued with good results. We have a collection for missionary objects in the Church on the first Sunday in every month.

SAMUEL G. APPLETON, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Marshfield.

Baptisms: 2 infants. Marriage, 1. Deaths, 3. Communicants: Died, 1; Added, 0; present number, 15. Bishop's collection, $4 75.

The condition of this parish is similar to what it was the last

year. Though our services are held here so seldom, only one Sunday in a month regularly, besides occasional lectures, yet our congregations are generally very good. When it is considered that in a population of 500 people there are three other religious societies who have constant preaching, it cannot be expected that the Church should be very prosperous with only occasional services. S. G. APPLETON, *Minister.*

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

Baptisms: 4 infants. Confirmed, 4. Burials, 2. Communicants, 27. Sunday scholars, 30. Contributions to various benevolent objects, $130 40, viz: Easter collections, $10 18; monthly offerings, from Easter to Easter, $18 07; Sunday school offerings for the same time, $2 82; Female Missionary Society, $7; Bishop's fund, $6; Sunday school library, $10; Sewing Circle, $76 38.

We are called upon to mention with gratitude to the great Head of the Church, that during the past year a neat and beautiful edifice has been consecrated to the service of Almighty God by our beloved bishop; and that ever since its consecration, which was in December last, though without a rector, our pulpit has been uninterruptedly supplied, and our congregation has much increased. The Rev. Z. Mead, is now officiating in this parish. JOHN EDSON, *Clerk.*

BRISTOL COUNTY.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

Baptisms: infants, 10; adults, 2; total, 12. Communicants: died or removed, 10; added, 8; present number, 38. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 5. Burials, 9. Sunday school scholars, 75. Bible Class, 20. Missionary societies, 2. Missionary and charitable offerings, $322 79.

It will be perceived from the above statement, that this Church has suffered severely during the last year, by the death and removal of many of its members. It has lost, since the last Convention, one fourth of the number of its communicants then reported, chiefly by removals,—occasioned mainly by the *pressure* of the times,—to other places of residence. Many valuable members of the congregation have also removed to other places.

These are heavy discouragements: but, still, notwithstanding, it may not be improper to report the parish as being,—as to external things, at least,—in a flourishing condition. Things in

the parish wear more and more the aspect of stability. The congregation appears to be as large, or larger than it was one year ago. The people continue to be attentive and serious hearers of the word. They continue to feel an undiminished interest in the cause of missions, and in all the leading subjects of Christian philanthropy. And in these matters, they show their faith by their works. As an evidence of this, is sufficient to refer to the sum specified above, as raised by them, within the year, for benevolent purposes. One hundred dollars of this sum must be credited to the ladies of the Sewing Circle, the avails of whose industry are chiefly devoted to the cause of Domestic Missions within the State.

It is also an encouraging circumstance, that since the last Convention, a sum has been realized, by the sale of pews, sufficient to cancel a long standing debt of $3,000.

For these, and for all His mercies,—especially, for whatever of success has been given to the truth,—in awakening the careless, in guiding the inquiring, and in building up Christians in their most holy faith, the Rector and his people desire to record their heartfelt gratitude to the great Head of the Church.

S. HASSARD, *Rector.*

Grace Church, New Bedford.

Baptisms: infants, 8; adults, 4; total, 12. Communicants added, 15; removed, 7; present number, 40. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3. Sunday school, 98. Missionary society, 1. Missionary contributions, $175.

This parish has passed safely through another year of infancy, gradually advancing to the strength of maturity. The new house of worship was, on July 12th, 1836, consecrated to Almighty God, with the usual ceremonies. A large concourse of people was in attendance. The house is of the Gothic order, beautifully finished and furnished. Cost, $17,500. Of this amount, nearly $11,000 has been paid, and a second sale of stock has been deferred, only on account of the pecuniary condition of the community. By such sacrifices, as have already been made, the interests of the parish, under the blessing of God, cannot but be sustained. In ordinary times, the present stockholders would have taken the remainder of the stock before this, and they now contemplate doing so, as soon as it may be made absolutely necessary by the terms of our contracts.

The attendance on the services of the Church has been gradually increasing. It has more than doubled since we went into the new church. Three services are held on Sunday, and a

weekly lecture on Wednesday, beside the monthly missionary meeting, and the regular Sabbath School Teachers' meeting, and a Bible Class for young ladies. Some spiritual fruits have crowned the means of grace, through the goodness of God. The Sunday school has never been so flourishing as now. There is a missionary spirit in the bud with us, which will, we trust, ultimately spread itself out to more glorious fruits; monthly offerings are collected. *Something* is doing now, indeed *much*, when we consider the very great sacrifices, which in the case of every infant parish must be made to sustain it. From the very first, we have been of one mind and one voice, and steadily, zealously, have the members of the parish pressed on to the consummation of their wishes.

One discouraging fact ought to be noticed. Owing to pecuniary reverses in the town since 1833, a large number of families have left the place, of which eighteen or twenty were connected with our Church, amongst whom were about as many communicants. Were all these now with us, we should be much stronger than we are, but we see, even in our present condition, no cause for despondency, but much for gratitude and confidence

N. T. Bent, *Rector*.

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

Baptisms, 14: 12 infants; 2 adults. Communicants, 47; removed, 3. Burials, 3. Sunday scholars, 123; teachers, 16; total, 139. S. S. Library, 150 volumes. Bible Class, 39. Confirmations, 24.

The undersigned commenced his ministration in this place, in November, 1836. The services of the Church were introduced here in July, 1836, and Sunday services were continued by several missionaries sent by the Rhode Island Clerical Convocation until my arrival. This latter Convocation united with the Massachusetts Clerical Convocation in supporting a missionary, and I commenced my labors under the direction of the Bishop of the Diocese, November 6th, 1836. The congregation then consisted of about fifty persons, and a Sunday school of twenty-one scholars had been organized. From this period, the congregation began to increase, and the Hall in which they usually worshipped, was found too small for their accommodation. By the kindness of the town authorities, the Town Hall was secured for our use, and in March, 1837, we removed to that building which we now occupy. The success with which it pleased God to bless my humble labors, rendered it highly expedient that, as soon as the Bishop could visit us, the Communion should be ad-

ministered. The Bishop confirmed twenty-four persons on Sunday the 12th of March: and having been admitted to Priests' orders in Newport, I administered that holy Sacrament on Easter Sunday, to between fifty and sixty persons. The present number of communicants is forty-seven; nearly all of whom communed with us for the *first time*. Among several interesting conversions, which have occurred during my ministrations, it is proper to mention those of two young Sunday scholars,—the results, under the divine blessing, of the faithful and prayerful teachings of a pious female.

In November last, it pleased God to remove, by death, an interesting young lady of the congregation, who evinced her sense of the value of the Gospel of Christ, in the Church of which we are members, by bequeathing to the parish as much of the beautiful granite found in this vicinity, as would suffice for the erection of a house of worship. This bequest has been confirmed by the father, and its record is on high. A lot of land has been contracted for, on which it was hoped that a house would have been ere now in process of erection. But the pecuniary pressure of the times, has operated to prevent further measures being taken at present. The parish is now in treaty for the purchase of a house of worship belonging to another denomination, and if the terms can be agreed upon, it will probably be purchased and fitted for our use.

I have been accustomed since my ministrations here, to preach three sermons on Sunday, and superintend my own Sunday school. The effects of this latter measure are seen, I think, in the addition of one hundred and two scholars in six months.

A Bible class of young persons has been formed, and I meet them every week for their instruction.

On every Tuesday afternoon I meet the ladies of the parish, and am now giving them a course of lectures on the early history of the Church.

The Sunday school teachers assemble every week, and are instructed by me in the school lesson for the succeeding Sunday.

On the Saturday evening preceding each communion, a public preparatory lecture is given.

The members of the parish are registered by the Parish Clerk, and divided into three classes: the adult males, the adult females, and the children,—and they are invited "*to lay by them in store on the first day of the week*," such sum as in their judgment can be afforded for missionary purposes. Monthly this sum is collected and appropriated, *first* to parochial purposes, then to the spread of the Gospel elsewhere. As this plan has been so recently adopted, its results cannot now be stated.

On the first Monday in each month a missionary lecture is given to the congregation.

The undersigned connot close this report of the *facts* and *results* of his labors without saying that, in the success with which it has pleased God thus far to bless his labors, he sees abundant cause to "*thank God and take courage.*"

P. H. GREENLEAF, *Minister.*

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Christ Church, Clappville.

Baptisms: infants, 3; adults, 5. Communicants: added, 12; died or removed, 7; present number, 51. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 2. Burials, 6. Sunday school, 48. Bible Class, 8. Missionary contributions, $26 50;—for other benevolent purposes, $50.

In my report of last year, allusion was made to the transition state of our Churches, situated in manufacturing districts. The history of this parish, which I was induced to improve in a sermon on the 1st of January last, furnishes a striking illustration of this peculiarity.

During the ministry of the Rev. Joseph Muenscher, the first settled Rector of the parish, in 1834, twenty-five persons were gathered to the communion, of whom but one remains, and seven only have died, eighteen having gone elsewhere. The Rev. Lot Jones took charge of the parish in August, 1829, and resigned it in April, 1833, a period of three and a half years, during which, one hundred fourteen were added to the communion, of whom only about 26 remain, and 4 only are known to have died, 88 having removed from the village.

It is presumed that the statistics of other Churches similarly situated present like views of the transition state of our manufacturing population.

Such a state cannot but be unpropitious to the stability and comfort of parishes so situated, and it is presumed that the Churches of other denominations suffer from the same evil. Were the attention of intelligent and respectable manufacturers directed to the subject,—a subject of such vital importance to the general interest of society,—some steps might be concerted to bring about a more settled state of things.

Among other things it is my painful duty to report that bodily infirmities have rendered it necessary to suspend my labors for a season, and seek the improvement of my health, in my native clime. An arrangement has accordingly been made, by which

the Rev. Dexter Potter, of the Diocese of Kentucky, takes the oversight of the parish during my absence, and has entered upon his labors.

I desire to record the general sympathy of my dear people in the situation of myself and family, and pray that a kind and watchful Providence may return me to them and the Church of my affections, with renewed health, and "in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace."

HENRY BLACKALLER, *Rector.*

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville, (Sutton.)

Baptisms: children, 2; adults, 4. Communicants: added, 10 died or removed, 4; present number, 47. Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 4. Burials, 6. Sunday school scholars, 96. Bible class about 30. Missionary contributions, $48 35.

No change in the state of this parish, worthy of particular notice, has occurred during the past year. The Lord's blessing has, we trust, in some measure, attended the preaching of his Word, and the other means of grace. Besides the two stated services of the Lord's day, a third service is usually held in the evening. The Bible class meets on Tuesday evening. A meeting for social devotion and spiritual improvement, is held on Wednesday evening. The teachers of the Sunday school are accustomed to meet at my study, once a fortnight, on Friday evening, to hear an explanation of the lessons, to contemplate the duty in which they are engaged, and to invoke the blessing of God upon the school. A ladies' sewing society, consisting of about 30 members, is found highly useful, both in promoting social intercourse, and in raising funds for religious purposes.

DAN'L L. B. GOODWIN, *Rector.*

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

Number of families, 25. Number of communicants, 30. Missionary contributions, $5.

Since the last Convention I have officiated here nine Sabbaths and have had several extra services, which, in general, have been well attended. But on account of frequent removals and other local causes, the parish continues in a depressed condition; but still the members of the society are firm and decided in their attachment to the worship and institutions of the Church, and

missionary aid can be afforded, there is reason to believe that it would be of great use to encourage the friends of the Church in their efforts to sustain public worship.

CALVIN WOLCOTT.

Grace Church, Lee.

Since the last Convention I have officiated here one half of my time. The congregation, considering the inconvenient house we have occupied, has been large and respectable. The parish was duly organized last February, and efforts made to raise funds to build a church, which, no doubt, would have been successful, and the church by this time nearly completed, had not the embarrassment in money concerns impeded their progress. But notwithstanding all discouragements, they are determined to persevere, and are anxious to obtain a clergyman to reside with them constantly, as soon as a more convenient place of worship can be obtained, which will be in a short time. They are able and willing to raise $250 toward the support of a clergyman the coming year, commencing the first of July. Number of families belonging to the parish is 13. Number of worshippers from 200 to 400. It is earnestly to be hoped that efforts will be made by the Missionary Board to sustain this parish, for there is reason to believe that the time is not far distant when, with the divine blessing on the means of grace, this will become a large and flourishing parish. CALVIN WOLCOTT.

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

Baptisms, 1. Confirmed, 2. Communicants: added, 1; present number, 13. Contributions for religious purposes, about $14. Since the last Convention, in addition to frequent extra services, I have preached here about one third of my time. The state of the parish is improving; and though small in point of numbers, yet in respectability and enlightened attachment to the worship and institutions of the Church, it is to be considered as an important and interesting society. Missionary aid is very much needed to enable them to sustain constant services, which is so necessary to their prosperity. CALVIN WOLCOTT.

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

Baptisms: infants, 15; adults, 8; total, 23. Confirmed, 15. Communicants: added, 10; removed, 9; present number, 60. Marriages, 2. Burials, 11. Sunday school, 40. Teachers, 9. One Bible Class, 20. Missionary contributions, $631 73.

As heretofore this parish has sustained losses by removals; though by new accessions, the number belonging to the congregation is nearly as large as it has been formerly. Since the last Convention there have been held lectures on Sunday evening during the warm season, at a school house, and in the winter a lecture has been held at private houses in the village, on Thursday evening, which has been continued until quite recently. The attendance upon these exercises has been gratifying and encouraging.

An increased degree of seriousness for a short time existed in the parish, which resulted in some good fruits; and the hope is cherished that the good effects thereof will reach to others, who are as yet separate from the covenant of promise. The system of Sunday offerings has been successfully introduced and will be permanently continued. A neat and commodious house was presented to the parish at the last meeting on Easter Monday, by two of the members thereof, which is designed to be used as a permanent parsonage. This instance of liberality has been a source of peculiar gratification to the present minister, and is a good indication of the expected permanency of the Episcopal Church in this place. The Sunday school, though less numerous than heretofore, promises to be quite as useful as ever. The Bible class has offered the means of profit and improvement, and much interest has been manifested in the recitations.

The collections have been:—Sunday contributions, $80 41 for the S. S. Library, $19 69; for Massachusetts Board of Missions, $42 57; for Episcopal Fund, $30 06; Contingent fund of the Convention, $9; Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, $350; donation to Massachusetts Board of Missions, $100—total, $631 73; besides contributions to the American Bible Society, the amount of which is not known. Twenty-one numbers of the "Christian Witness" have been taken during the past year. EDWARD BALLARD, *Rector.*

St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

Baptisms: infants, 6; adult, 1. Communicants: added, 3; died or removed, 3; present number, 63. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 4. Burials, 13—six of which were not of this parish. Sunday school scholars, about 50. Bible Class, 10. One Missionary Society and one female Benevolent Society. Missionary and other contributions for religious objects, $60, viz: for Sunday school, $14; for the use of the Bishop, $10; for Missions, $11; by female Benevolent Society, $25.

The general state of this Church is prosperous. Since the

last report the new church has been completed and consecrated to its high and holy purpose. The sale of the pews more than realized our most sanguine expectations, and left a debt less than $200, with eight pews on hand. It is proper in this report to acknowledge the liberality of the Hon. Judge Savage, of New York; of the Hon. Henry Shaw, of Lanesborough, and of Edward A. Newton, Esq., of Pittsfield, in the ready and effectual assistance which they freely offered in the erection of this edifice. To the Right Rev. Bishop Griswold and the Rev. Mr. Stone, of Boston, the parish is indebted for the donation of a beautiful set of communion plate. Gratitude requires the record of their disinterested kindness. Since the completion of the new house the congregation has essentially increased. Some new families of Episcopalians have moved into the parish, and although the diminishing population of the town encourages no expectation of any great increase—still few Churches in the country are encouraged with the prospects of greater permanency. The usual services, except in the most busy season, are three services on Sunday, and one during the week; in addition to which all the fasts and festivals of the year, civil as well as ecclesiastical, are duly observed. It is devoutly hoped that while this parish is thus outwardly prospered, and blessed with privileges denied so large a portion of our race, her spiritual attainments may be yet more abundant, and her beautiful courts be found by successive generations none other than the gate of heaven.

SAMUEL B. SHAW, *Rector.*

The subscriber, not being "regularly settled in any parish or church," begs leave to report to "the ecclesiastical authority of his diocese," that he has, during the past conventional year, performed the following "occasional services," viz:—

Read prayers and preached in St. Peter's Church, Salem, eight times; Christ Church, Boston, four; Christ Church, Quincy, four; Christ Church, Lynn, four; Christ Church, Cambridge, two; Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., one; St. James's Church, Roxbury, two; St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, two; Mission Chapel, Boston, one; Jamaica Plain, five. In all, thirty-three times.

He has also read prayers on twelve other occasions; assisted in administering the communion eight times; baptized one infant, and solemnized one marriage.

JOHN P. LATHROP.

Boston, June 21, 1837.

The Rev. Mr. Edson, from the committee on the place of holding the next annual Convention, reported Trinity Church, Boston, and the *third Tuesday* of June, at 4 o'clock, P. M., as the time of meeting. For preacher, Rev. Mr. Ballard; and substitute, the Rev. Mr. Bent.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq., this report was accepted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Edson,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to ascertain whether any, and if any, what alterations should be made in the form of parochial report established by the Convention of 1830.

Whereupon, the Rev. Messrs. Edson, Stone, and Strong, were appointed to compose said committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Croswell,

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to an election of the Standing Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Howe and Mr. John Edson were appointed tellers, who reported the whole number of votes to be thirty-seven; necessary to a choice, nineteen. The following gentlemen having that number, were declared duly elected the

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Clergy.	Laity.
Rev. Jona. M. Wainwright, D.D.	Henry Codman, Esq.
" John S. Stone.	Edward Tuckerman, Esq.
" William Croswell.	Benja. P. Richardson, Esq.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Edson,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the condition and prospects of the plan of a Theological Seminary, recommended and adopted by this Convention at its last annual meeting, and report the same.

Resolved, That the same committee be instructed to take into consideration and report what measures, if any, this Convention should adopt in the case.

The Rev. Messrs. Goodwin, Ballard, and Babcock, were appointed to compose said committee.

Luther Little, Esq., a Lay Delegate from Trinity Church, Marshfield, requested and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The tellers appointed to collect and count the votes for dele-

gates to the General Convention, reported the whole number to be thirty ; necessary to a choice, sixteen. The following gentlemen having that number, were declared duly elected

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Clergy.	Laity.
Rev. John S. Stone.	Edward A. Newton, Esq.
" Jona. M. Wainwright, D.D.	Simon Greenleaf, Esq.
" James Morss, D. D.	Edward Tuckerman, Esq.
" Alfred L. Baury.	Theron Metcalf, Esq.

On motion of Mr. John Edson,

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be empowered to fill any vacancy which may occur in this delegation.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stone,

Resolved, That the Convention adjourn to assemble to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned accordingly.

Service at night in Grace Church. The evening prayer was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Greenleaf, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Fall River ; and a sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Milnor, Rector of St. George's Church, New York.

St. Paul's Church, Thursday, June 22, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

Morning prayers were read by the Secretary, according to rules of order.

The Rev. Dr. Morss having taken the chair, a list of clerical members and lay delegates was then called.

The Rev. Mr. Edson, from the committee on revising the form of parochial report, presented the following : That they

Recommend to the Convention that the item, entitled " Bible Class," be stricken out of the present form. The modes of giving Biblical instruction are so various that the term is found to be not sufficiently precise for the tabular form of statistics, and although measures adopted by any pastor to promote the study of the Bible are a very important topic of parochial report, yet it is thought they come more properly under the minister's remarks.

The item, Missionary Societies, it is thought may be dispensed with in consequence of the principle of operations adopted by the last General Convention.

The committee recommend that the column headed Missionary Contributions be subdivided; one division to be entitled "General Board," the other, "Massachusetts Board." The first, to comprise all monies paid for the uses of the general Board of Missions, whether to the Foreign or Domestic Committee; and the other, all contributions made for missionary operations within the State.

They further recommend another column to be entitled "Other contributions for religious purposes."

Respectfully submitted.

Signed, T. Edson.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the Secretary be and hereby is requested to prepare a blank form of parochial report in conformity with the above recommendation, and that the same be forwarded to the several Churches in this Commonwealth, as the form established by this Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Stone, according to the eighth article of the constitution, presented the following minutes of the Standing Committee's proceedings since the last meeting of the Convention.

In pursuance of a requirement of the Convention, the Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Massachusetts, submit the following report of their proceedings during the past year:—

Their first meeting was held June 30th, 1836, when the committee was organized by the choice of Rev. J. S. Stone, as President, and of Henry Codman, as Secretary. The committee have held nine meetings during the year, of which three were quarterly meetings; five, special; and one an adjournment of the first quarterly meeting. They have, during the year, admitted the following persons *candidates for Holy Orders*, viz: Messrs. Alexander Henry Cull, Elezer Alley Greenleaf, Charles Coffin Taylor, Thomas S. Hubbard, Ferdinand Elliot White, and Henry W. Lee. They have also, within the same period, signed testimonials in favor of the following candidates, recommending them to the holy order of *Deacons*, viz:—Messrs. Joseph Packard, Charles Mason, William Henry Hoyt, George Waters, Theodore William Snow, Charles Coffin Taylor, Elezer Alley Greenleaf, William Cook, and William Thurston. Within the same period, they have signed testimonials in favor of the following gentlemen, Deacons, recommending them to the sacred

order of *Priests*, viz:—Rev. Messrs. Gordon Winslow, Thomas March Clark, Thomas H. Vail, Henry M. Davis, Patrick Henry Greenleaf, and Charles Mason.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, JOHN S. STONE, *President.*

The Rev. Mr. Goodwin, from committee appointed to inquire into the condition and prospects of the Theological Seminary established in this Commonwealth, at the last Convention, reports:—

That they cannot learn that any definite action has been had by the Board of Trustees during the recess of the Convention, in regard to the interests of this institution. And that in consequence of the great commercial and mercantile embarrassment now pervading the community, they respectfully recommend the following resolution—

Resolved, That at present no action is demanded of this Convention, in relation to the subject referred to in the premises.

Resolved, That the resignation of the Hon. Simon Greenleaf, of his office as a Trustee in the aforesaid institution, be accepted.

DANIEL L. B. GOODWIN, *Chairman.*

The Rev. Mr. Edson then proposed an amendment by substituting the following for the resolution appended to the report, viz:—

Resolved, That this Convention regard the proposed Seminary as an object of great interest and of vital importance to the future welfare and prosperity of this Church, and recommend that those who have promised pledges or given any monies or other property to the benefit of this undertaking, hold themselves in readiness to pay the same. And, that the Trustees proceed so fast as the times and circumstances will permit, to carry into full effect the designs and wishes of the last Convention in respect to this institution.

After some discussion upon a point of order, the chair decided the original report as calling first for the action of the Convention.

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq., the same was accepted.

The Rev. Mr. Edson's proposed amendment was then taken up, and on motion of the Rev. Dr. Wainwright,

Resolved, That the same be adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the preamble reported by the committee o the Theological Seminary, together with the Rev. Mr. Edson resolution, be adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stone,

Resolved, That the Convention will now receive the annu report of the Board of Missions for the Protestant Episcop Church of Massachusetts, which was presented, as follows:—

The Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church i Massachusetts, appointed by the last Convention, by the res lution authorising their appointment being required to report annu ally to the Convention, would present the following—

That at the first meeting of the Board they proceeded as co templated by the Convention, to the organization of the Boa by the appointment of a Secretary and Treasurer. At th meeting a sub-committee was chosen to prepare a circular a dressed to the various missionary bodies and Rectors of Church in the Commonwealth, inviting their co-operation and connectio with this Board; this circular was at the next meeting presen ed, adopted, and measures taken for its circulation; and we r gret to state, although it was extensively circulated both by th medium of the Christian Witness, and circulars presented to th Clergy and Laity at the Diocesan Convention, held in this cit in September last, that but little good appears to have resulte from the effort.

Two Churches (St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, and St. James's Great Barrington) and one individual (E. A. Newton, Esq.) ou of Boston, are all that have responded to our call, and th amount raised in the city is so comparatively limited, to wha might be expected from the members of our Church in Bosto that your Board feel that the Convention will be disappointe that so little has been accomplished. The total amount of re ceipts, as will appear by the Treasurer's account herewith pre sented is, - - - - $870 6

And the expenditures as by the same account are, 776 9

Showing a balance on hand of - - $ 93 6

The Board are however indebted to the Protestant Episcopal Press, New York, for Bibles and Prayer Books, - - - - $63 5

Showing an actual balance in the Treasury of $30 1

Of the receipts into the Treasury, $341 67 have been passe through our Treasury by the Mass. Episcopal Clerical Conv

cation, and $50 by Christ Church, Boston, the appropriations being designated in accordance with the resolution by which the Board was established by the Convention. So that the total receipts have been from all other sources but $478 94.

We repeat that the receipts of a Missionary Board appointed by the Convention of the Church in Massachusetts, a Diocese embracing within its limits nearly forty Churches, a Board having, as is supposed, the confidence of the Convention, has been for the year past only $478 94; neither do your Board feel that this small amount, is to be attributed to a neglect on their part of the duty assigned them. They have held *two* public meetings in this city at which addresses were made, and collections taken; they have presented the subject to the Churches as before stated, and have had, since their appointment, twelve meetings for the transaction of business. The statement thus presented is not what we wish; not such as we hoped to make when the trust was confided to us. We trust it will not be satisfactory to the Convention, but that each member will be led to *ask himself* whether he is in any way responsible for the attitude in which your Board are compelled to present themselves before you.

The Mass. Episcopal Missionary Society have transferred to this Board the property of said Society, consisting of a set of stereotype plates for an octavo edition of the Book of Common Prayer, which cost, when new, about $1000, and Prayer-books estimated by Mr. Stimpson to be worth about $620. These Prayer-books, which are in octavo, and well printed on good paper, your Board are desirous of selling, even at prices greatly reduced; and they will also furnish copies for the desk, pulpit, and chancel of such Churches as are in need, and do not fell able to purchase them.

The following Churches have been aided through the Treasury of the Board: St. Paul's, Otis; St. James's, Amesbury; Church in Lynn; Christ Church, Quincy; Trinity, Bridgewater; St. James's, Roxbury; Church at Fall River; Christ Church, Clappville.

The Rev. Milton Ward is at present at Blandford, from him a report is daily expected.

At the meeting of the Board in April, application was made for a supply of Bibles, Prayer-books and Tracts, for the crew of the U. S. ship Independence, consisting of about 600 men, and 60 boys, and bound on a long voyage;—although this object did not strictly come within the limits probably contemplated in the appointment of this Board; yet, presenting as it did a field of usefulness, and the Commodore, Chaplain, and some of the

officers being Episcopalians, the ship was furnished with 50 Bibles at 50c., 100 Prayer-books at 25c., 6 octavo Prayer-books, and a quantity of Sabbath school books and Tracts; a part of the Board also assisted the Chaplain in the establishment of a Sunday school, with the approbation of the Commodore, under encouraging and interesting circumstances.

All which is presented in behalf of the Board,

SAMUEL CUTLER, *Secretary.*

Boston, June 21, 1837.

Benjamin P. Richardson, Treasurer, in account current Board of Missions Protestant Episcopal Church, Massachusetts.

1836.		DR.	
August 13.	To Rev. E. M. P. Wells, by F. H. Stimpson, Treasurer Massachusetts Episcopal Missionary Society,	$25	00
Sept. 27.	St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, by Edward A. Newton, through F. H. Stimpson, Treas'r Mass. E. M. S.,	52	30
28.	Edward A. Newton,	100	00
29.	Collection at public meeting, Grace Church, Boston, (weather stormy,)	60	00
October 1.	St. James's Church, Great Barrington, by Bishop Griswold,	15	00
8.	A member of St. Paul's Church, Boston,	20	00
Decem. 29.	F. H. Stimpson, Treas'r Mass. E. M. S., being balance of the Treasury,		89
1837.			
January 1.	Peter C. Louvrier,	3	00
Febru. 6.	James Salter, Treasurer of the Offerings of Christ Church, Boston,	50	00
10.	Episcopal Clerical Convocation of Massachusetts, by Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Treasurer,	100	00
March 11.	Episcopal Clerical Convocation, by Rev. J. S. Stone,	50	00
April 10.	Episcopal Clerical Convocation, by Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Treasurer,	191	67
May 3.	A member of Trinity Church, Boston, T. A.,		75
June 4.	Collection public meeting St. Paul's Church, Boston,	200	00
7.	Premium on $20 silver change at the collection of the 4th inst., 10 per cent.,	2	00
		$870	61

1836.		CR.	
Dec. 23.	By Charles Stimpson, Jr's bill Blank Books,	$ 6	31
1837.			
January 1.	Torrey & Blair's bill Printing Circulars,	14	30
Feb. 4.	Certificate of Benjamin Howard, Secretary pro tem., dated Dec. 29, 1836, in favor of Wardens of St. Paul's Church, Otis,	100	00
22.	Certificate of Benjamin Howard, Secretary pro tem., dated Feb. 17, 1837, in favor of Wardens of St. James's Church, Amesbury,	25	00
22.	Certificate of Benjamin Howard, Secretary pro tem., dated Feb. 14, 1837, in favor of Rev. Milton Ward,	50	00
22.	Certificate of Benj. Howard, Sec'y pro tem., dated Feb. 14, 1837, in favor of Rev. Daniel Leach,	50	00

Feb. 23.	Certificate of Benj. Howard, Sec'y pro tem., dated Feb. 17, 1837, in favor of Rev. Patrick H. Greenleaf,	50 00
24.	Certificate of Benj. Howard, Sec'y pro tem., dated Feb. 14, 1837, in favor of Rev. Milton Ward,	50 00
March 8.	Certificate of Benj. Howard, Sec'y pro tem., dated Feb. 17, 1837, in favor of Wardens Trinity Church, Bridgewater, ...	25 00
25.	Certificate of Sam'l Cutler, Sec'y, dated March 20, 1837, in favor of Milton Ward, . . .	50 00
April 5.	Torrey & Blair's bill Printing Notices and Certificates,	7 00
14.	Certificate of Sam'l Cutler, Sec'y, dated April 11, 1837, in favor of Rev. Henry M. Davis, . .	50 00
15.	Certificate of Sam'l Cutler, Sec'y, dated April 11, 1837, in favor of Rev. Mark A. D'W. Howe,	50 00
15.	Certificate of Sam'l Cutler, Sec'y, dated April 11, 1837, in favor of Simon Greenleaf for Rev. P. H. Greenleaf, ...	66 67
17.	Certificate of Sam'l Cutler, Sec'y, dated April 11, 1837, in favor of Rev. Milton Ward, . ,	25 00
26.	Certificate of Sam'l Cutler, Sec'y, dated March 20, 1837, in favor of Rev. Henry Blackaller, .	50 00
May 1.	Mass. Bible Society, 55 cloth Testaments, .	4 95
2.	Boston and Prov. Rail Road Co., freight and cartage,	2 04
25.	Chs. Stimpson, Jr., lettering Prayer-books and Bibles,	6 75
June 6.	Mass. S. S. Society, 35 S. S. Harp, 25 cts. ea., $8 75	
6.	" " " 55 Union Question Books, 10 c., 5 50	14 25
6.	Torrey & Blair's bill Cards and Printing, .	3 67
6.	Benj. Loring & Co., 3 doz. Pencils, . .	37
10.	Benj. Howard's bill advertising, &c., . .	62
9.	Certificate of Samuel Cutler, Sec'y, dated May 16, 1837, in favor of Rev. M. Ward, . . .	25 00
13.	Certificate of Samuel Cutler, Sec'y, dated June 13, 1837, in favor of the Rev. Daniel Leach, .	50 00
	Balance on hand, ...	93 68
		$ 870 61

Boston, June 20, 1837. The undersigned has examined the vouchers and additions of this account, and find the same correct; leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of ninety-three dollars, sixty-eight cents. BENJ. HOWARD, *Com.*

On motion of Edward A. Newton, Esq., the same was accepted, and the Convention proceeded to the choice of a Board of Missions for the ensuing year.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed to nominate suitable persons to compose said board.

Whereupon, the Rev. Dr. Wainwright, the Rev. Messrs. Howe and Hassard were appointed.

The Rev. Mr. Stone read, by permission of the Convention, a communication from the Rev. Mr. Carder, Secretary and Gen-

eral Agent of the Domestic Committee of the Domestic a Foreign Missionary Society.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the subject of the Rev. Mr. Carder's co munication be referred to a committee, to consist of two cler men and one lay-delegate.

Whereupon, the Rev. Dr. Wainwright, the Rev. Mr. Sto and Edward A. Newton, Esq., were appointed to compose s committee.

The committee appointed to nominate the Board of Missic for the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachsetts, repor the names of the following gentlemen :

Rt. Rev. ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD, D. D.

Rev. John S. Stone,	Benjamin P. Richardson, E
" Jona. M. Wainwright, D. D.	Mr. Benjamin Howard,
" William H. Lewis.	" Samuel Cutler.

They also recommend that the board be authorized to fill a vacancy that may occur in the same during the recess of t Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Edson,

Resolved, That the gentlemen above named be, and here are, appointed the Board of Missions for the year ensuing.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Wainwright,

Resolved, That the Board be and hereby are authorized to any vacancies that may occur *ad interim*.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stone,

Resolved, That the Board of Missions for the Church in t Commonwealth be restricted in its proceedings to, and with the limits of the State of Massachusetts.

The Rev. Mr. Boyle, Treasurer of the Convention, havi presented his account for the year last past,

On motion of the Rev Mr. Ballard,

Resolved, That the same be accepted, and published with t Journal.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the Secretary and Treasurer be a committ for printing the Journal of this Convention, and that they ca seven hundred copies to be issued.

The Rev. Dr. Wainwright from the committee to whom was reported the communication of the Secretary and General Agent of the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions, presented the following report:

Whereas the Secretary of the Domestic Executive Committee of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions has addressed letters to several members of this body, stating the urgent wants of the committee in order to fulfil its present engagements, and to maintain its present number of stations and missionaries; and whereas the cause of missions recommends itself to the deepest sympathies of all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity, and will command their constant and zealous exertions in its behalf;

Therefore,

Resolved, As the sense of this body that it is only necessary to make known to our Churches the present wants of the Domestic Board, in order to secure from them liberal contributions in its behalf.

Resolved, That it be recommended to every clergymen having the charge of a parish in this Diocese, to present this subject to his people at as early a period as practicable, and to adopt such measures as he may deem most advisable to procure a liberal contribution to the important subject above stated.

Signed, JONA. M. WAINWRIGHT.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That this report be accepted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Howe,

Resolved, That the accompanying resolution to this report be adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Leach from the committee on Canons, made a verbal report.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That a committee to consist of two clergymen and one lay-man be appointed on Canon I of 1802, to report at the next annual Convention, as to any, and if any, what alterations or amendment it may be expedient to make in the same.

The Rev. Dr. Wainwright, the Rev. Mr. Stone, and Joseph Rowe, Esq., were appointed to compose said committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stone,

Resolved, That the communication from the Secretary of the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention,

as entered upon the Journal of this Convention, for 1836, pag 16, be referred to a committee to consist of three gentlemen, t report at the next Convention.

Whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Stone, the Rev. Dr. Wainwrigh and Edward A. Newton, Esq., were appointed to compose sai committee.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Wainwright,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to forward th Secretary of the General Convention the sum due from th Church in this State for contingent expenses, as per VIII Cano of 1835.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the gentlemen appointed at the last annua session of this Convention Trustees of the Society for the Re lief of Widows and Children of Deceased Clergymen, with th exception of the Rev. Dr. Eaton, removed from the diocese, b now reappointed; and that the Rev. Dr. Wainwright fill th reported vacancy.

The following gentlemen were then appointed Trustees of th Society for the Relief of Widows and Children of Decease Clergymen:

Clerical.	Lay.
Rev. Jona. M. Wainwright, D.D.	Edward Tuckerman, Esq.
" Isaac Boyle,	Lynde Walter, Esq.
" William Croswell.	Mr. Benjamin Howard.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Wainwright,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to fill the vacanc occasioned by the resignation of Simon Greenleaf, LL. D., trustee of the Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopa Church of Massachusetts, and that the election be by nom ination.

Whereupon, Samuel Cutler, Esq., having been nominate and voted for, was declared duly elected to fill the vacancy oc casioned by the Hon. Mr. Greenleaf's resignation.

The Rev. Mr. Stone, from the committee on Sunday schools made a verbal report.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the doings of the Convention of last yea

upon the subject of Sunday schools be and hereby are rescinded.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Edson,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention be authorized and empowered to receive from the Massachusetts Sunday School Society, the records and papers of that institution.

There being no further business calling for the action of this Convention:

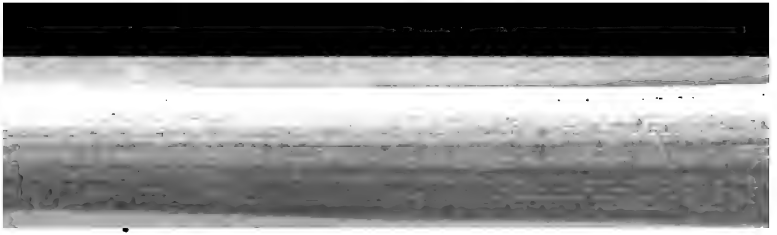
On motion of the Rev. Dr. Wainwright,

Resolved, That the Rev. President be now requested to close the session with prayer and the benediction; after which the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

Attest, ALFRED L. BAURY,
Secretary of the Convention.

At eight o'clock, P. M., a Missionary meeting was held in St. Paul's Church, preparatory to the departure of the Rev. Mr. Boone, Missionary to China. After devotional exercises by the Rev. Dr. Milnor of the city of New York, followed with an address upon the subject of the missions in the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Rev. Mr. Vaughan, General Agent and Secretary of the Foreign Committee of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, delivered the instructions of the Committee to the Rev. Mr. Boone, who then addressed the congregation on the facilities and inducements now presented in the good providence of God for introducing the Gospel into China. The Rev. Mr. Stone concluded the services of the evening, with several appropriate collects from the Book of Common Prayer, and the benediction.

APPENDIX.



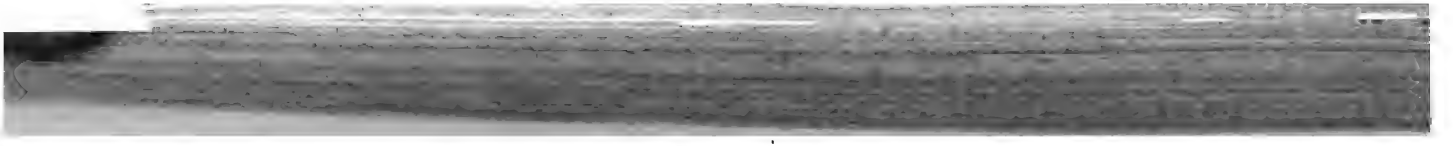
Dr. **Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, in account with Isaac Boyle, Treasurer.** **Cr.**

1836.			
June 20.	To paid assessment laid by the General Convention, (Voucher, No. 1,)		25 00
July 30.	" Adams & Torrey's bill, for printing Journal, (No. 2,)		110 58
1837.			
Jan. 7.	" copying records of Convention for 1835 and 1836, (No. 3,)		20 00
June 21.	" sundry postages of Secretary and Treasurer,		1 05
	Balance to new account,		241 92
			$ 398 55

1836.			
June 16.	By balance of old account,		146 55
	" assessments received on the following Churches, under the canon of 1828, viz:		
July 5.	St. Matthew's, South Boston,		5 00
30.	Trinity Church, Boston, (1835,)		45 00
1837.			
June 19.	St. James's, Greenfield,		6 00
	Trinity Church, Bridgewater,		4 50
21.	St. Paul's, Newburyport,		10 00
	Christ Church, Boston,		15 00
	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield. (1837,)		9 00
	Christ Church, Cambridge,		15 00
	St. Mary's, Newton,		5 00
	St. John's, Wilkinsonville,		4 50
	Grace Church, Boston,		8 00
22.	St. Peter's, Salem,		12 00
	St. Thomas's, Taunton,		7 50
	St. James's, Roxbury,		15 00
	St. Paul's, Stockbridge,		3 00
	St. Paul's, Boston,		37 50
	Trinity Church, do.,		45 00
	St. Mark's, Blandford,		5 00
			$ 398 55

Boston, June 22, 1837. **Errors Excepted,** **ISAAC BOYLE,** ***Treasurer of Mass. Convention.***

Agreeably to the canon of 1828, it becomes necessary to report the following Churches as not having complied with its directions, viz: Christ Church, Clappville; St. Michael's, Marblehead; St. Paul's, Dedham; St. James's, Great Barrington; St. Luke's, Lanesboro'; St. Anne's, Lowell; and St. Andrew's, Hanover.



FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT, AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1837.

Church	Place	Minister	Baptisms		Communicants.			Confirmed	Marriages	Burials	Sunday Schools *	Missionary Contributions.		Other contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants	Adults	Added	Died or removed	Present number					General Board	Mass. Board.	

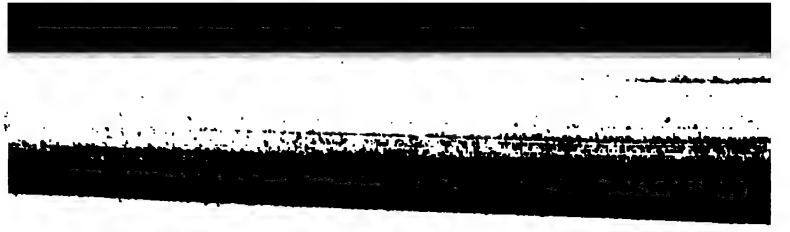
N. B. It is expected, that the Clergyman will make such observations, as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish, and of his ministerial services, during the past year.

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* Under this head, it is desirable that the number of members should be stated.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS. JUNE, 1837.

Counties.	Towns.	Churches.	Ministers.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed	Marriages	Burials	S. School Scholars	Bible Class	Mission'y Societies	Miss. Contributions
				Infants	Adults	Total	Added	Died or removed	Present number							
Suffolk	Boston	Trinity	J. M. Woinwright, D. D.	†	†	68	†	†	280	*	32	30	140	*	*	$ *
		Christ	William Croswell	59	2	61	†	†	170	*	12	21	220	*	*	806 00
		St. Paul's	John S. Stone	†	†	14	13	15	260	*	9	5	195	*	*	5550 00
		Grace	Thomas M Clark	14	4	18	48	5	100	19	10	6	80	40	3	550 00
		St. Matthew's	Horace L. Conolly	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
		Miss'y Chapel	vacant	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
		Free Church	Samuel McBurney	4	2	6	†	†	36	*	2	*	72	*	*	
		School of M.D.	E. M. P. Wells	†	†	4	3	*	†	*	*	*	*	*	*	345 00
Norfolk	Quincy	Christ	Daniel Leach	†	†	14	8	3	62	*	4	*	75	25	*	75 00
	Dedham	St. Paul's	Samuel B. Babcock	†	†	5	*	*	37	1	1	3	42	*	*	129 00
	Roxbury	St. James's	M. A. DeW. Howe	14	2	16	22	14	65	8	3	7	64	*	2	536 50
Essex	Newburyport	St. Paul's	James Morss, D. D.	16	5	21	10	7	101	18	3	10	70	*	*	220 00
	Methuen	Mt. Zion	vacant	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	1	‡	‡	‡	‡
	Salem	St. Peter's	Charles Mason	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
	Marblehead	St. Michael's	William H. Lewis	33	2	35	9	4	79	7	2	12	100	*	*	228 81
	Amesbury	St. James's	Henry M. Davis	4	*	4	17	7	90	10	2	2	40	*	1	20 00
	Andover	Christ	Joseph H. Clinch	0	0	0	5	0	25	0	0	0	40	*	*	*
	Lynn	Christ	George Waters	2	0	2	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*
Middlesex	Cambridge	Christ	Thomas H. Vail	*	*	*	12	9	38	6	1	3	28	*	1	101 00
	Lowell	St. Anne's	Theodore Edson	62	17	79	50	14	163	42	11	15	335	*	*	1000 00
	Hopkinton	St. Paul's	vacant	‡	‡	‡	‡	1	1	1	‡	‡	1	‡	‡	1
	Newton L. Falls	St. Mary's	Alfred L. Baury	10	3	13	14	3	80	12	6	5	93	37	2	120 00
Hampshire	Northampton	St. John's	Charles C. Taylor	3	*	3	3	2	20	1	0	1	*	*	*	5 00
Plymouth	Hanover	St. Andrew's	Samuel G. Appleton	5	*	5	3	4	38	4	3	11	100	*	*	90 00
	Marshfield	Trinity	Samuel G. Appleton	2	*	2	0	1	15	*	1	3	*	*	*	4 75
	Bridgewater	Trinity	Z. Mead	4	*	4	*	*	97	4	2	*	30	*	*	130 40
Bristol	Taunton	St. Thomas's	Samuel Hassard	10	2	12	8	10	58	8	5	9	75	20	2	322 79
	New Bedford	Grace	Nathaniel T. Bent	8	4	12	15	7	40	4	3	3	38	*	1	175 00
	Fall River	Ascension	P. H. Greenleaf	13	2	14	*	3	47	24	*	3	123	39	*	*
Worcester	Uxbridge	Christ	Henry Blackeller	3	5	8	12	7	51	6	2	6	48	8	*	26 50
	Wilkinsonville	St. John's	Dan'l L. B. Goodwin	2	4	6	10	4	47	6	4	6	96	30	*	48 50
Hampden	Springfield	Christ	vacant	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
	Southwick	——	vacant	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
	Blandford	St. Marks	Milton Ward, M. D.	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Franklin	Greenfield	St. James's	Titus Strong	11	0	11	1	1	65	9	1	6	60	*	*	60 00
	Montague	Trinity	Rodolphus Dickinson	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
	Ashfield	St. John's	Jacob Pearson	5	1	6	1	4	32	1	1	2	30	20	*	8 50
Berkshire	Otis	St. Paul's	Ethan Allen	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
	Lenox	Trinity	Calvin Wolcott	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	30	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	5 00
	Lanesborough	St. Luke's	Samuel B. Shaw	6	1	7	3	3	63	3	4	13	50	10	1	11 00
	Great Barrington	St. James's	Sturges Gilbert	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
	Pittsfield	St. Stephen's	Edward Ballard	15	8	23	10	9	60	15	2	11	40	20	*	621 73
	Stockbridge	St. Paul's	Calvin Wolcott	*	*	1	1	*	13	2	*	*	*	*	*	14 00
	Lee	Grace	Calvin Wolcott	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
				304	64	474	278	156	2108	209	139	205	2344	249	13	10914 48



CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

AS AMENDED

IN CONVENTION, JUNE, 1834.

ARTICLE I.

This Church, as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, accedes to the General Constitution of that Church, and acknowledges its authority.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth, at Boston, on the third Wednesday in June, in every year; unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding Convention. Special meetings of the Convention shall be called by the Bishop, when, in his judgment, the good of the Church may require it, or when the Standing Committee shall request it. And when the Episcopal Chair is vacant, the Standing Committee shall have power to call such Convention. Provided always, that no business shall be done at any special Convention, other than is specified in the notice calling such Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen.

The Bishop, and the Assistant Bishop, when there is
shall have a seat and a vote in the Convention. Every o
clergyman of the Church, of whatever order, being a settled
ister, or regularly officiating in some parish within this Comm
wealth; or being a President, Professor, Tutor, or Instructo
some College or Seminary of learning, and performing cle
functions; or being a Missionary under the direction of the ec
siastical authority of this Commonwealth, or a Chaplain in
army or navy of the United States, or in any benevolent or o
public institution, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the
vention, if he have been actually as well as canonically resi
within this State for the space of six calendar months next be
the meeting of the Convention, and has, for the same period,
employed in performing the duties of his station, or have been
nonically instituted. Provided, however, that no clergyn
otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention, shal
reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary abse
be divested of such privilege.

Every parish in this Commonwealth in union with this
vention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention a lay deleg
or delegates not exceeding three, a certificate of whose app
ment, signed by the Wardens, or Parish Clerk, shall, before h
their admission to a seat, be laid before the Convention.
vided, that no person shall be competent to serve as a lay d
gate, unless he be a stated worshipper in the parish which
represents. The delegation from each parish shall be entit
on a division, by orders, to but one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

New parishes may be admitted into union with this Conv
tion, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall h
laid before the Convention written evidence, subscribed by
Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and acc
to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

ARTICLE V.

The Bishop of this Diocese shall preside in the Conventi
But in case of a vacancy, or necessary absence, the members s
elect a president from among the clergy.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention, from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

The members of the Convention present on due notification, and duly organized, shall constitute a quorum to transact the ordinary business of the Convention. The clergy and lay delegates shall deliberate as one body, and vote as such, except when a division is called for; in which case, a concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to carry any measure. All elections shall be by ballot, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

There shall be a Standing Committee, to consist of six members; three clergymen and three laymen. They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and shall report the same annually to the Convention. A majority shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution shall not be subject to alteration in any article except at the annual meeting of the Convention; nor unless such alteration shall have been proposed at least one annual meeting previous to its adoption.

CANONS

Respecting the Mode of trying Disorderly Clergymen, adopted in Convention in 1802.

CANON I.

Disorderly, scandalous, and immoral conduct, neglect of duty disregard of the Constitution or Canons of the General or State Conventions, a continued non-attendance at the annual Convention of the Church in this Commonwealth, without sufficient reasons in the judgment of the Convention, disseminating or countenancing opinions contrary to the doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, are offences, for which a clergyman ought to be censured, and accused of which by the Convention, he ought to be brought to trial.

CANON II.

If any clergymen of this Church offend in any instances enumerated in the foregoing Canon, complaint may be made thereof by the wardens, or by three or more communicants of the Church of which he is incumbent, or at which he officiates, or by any other clergymen, to the annual Convention; and if, in the opinions of the majority of both orders, there shall be sufficient cause for said complaint, the same shall be certified to the Bishop, whose duty it shall be to furnish the accused person with a copy of the charges alleged against him, and require him to make answer thereto before him and his council, whom he shall convene to hear and judge of said charge or charges, and notify the accused of the time and place of meeting; notice thereof to be given at least one month before. And if the Bishop and his council, or a major part of them, after hearing the evidence, shall judge the accused person guilty of said charge, the Bishop shall reprove, suspend, or degrade the person so convicted, as he and the said major part of his said council shall think the offence may deserve. But if the offence require degradation or deposition of the person so convicted, sentence shall be pronounced, in the mode prescribed by the sixth article of the General Constitution. And in case the person accused shall neglect to appear

after due notice, given as aforesaid, the Bishop and his council shall proceed *ex parte*, and if the judgment shall be censure, the Bishop shall send the same to the person so convicted in writing; but if the offence shall amount to suspension or degradation, the same shall be published agreeably to the directions of the twenty seventh Canon of the General Convention.

CANON OF 1828,
Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after the first day of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer of the Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Church in this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as much as *one per centum and one half of one per centum* on the salary of its minister: and those parishes, which are destitute of a clergyman, and which are represented by lay delegates in the Convention, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a certified copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to certify in his annual Report, what parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions of this Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasury of the Convention, shall be subject to appropriation by a majority of the votes of the Standing Committee, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Convention; and the following appropriations shall always be deemed proper, *viz.* to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishop to this Convention; to pay the travelling expenses of such clerical members of the Convention as cannot afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any clergymen in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the clerical delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exceeding twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to the delegates of the Church in this State to the General Convention, such sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed on the several churches in this State by each General Convention, for the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishing the Journals of this Convention, and such other publications as shall be published by order of this Convention; and every parish shall

be entitled to five copies at least of every publication printed l
order of the Convention.

CANON OF 1835,

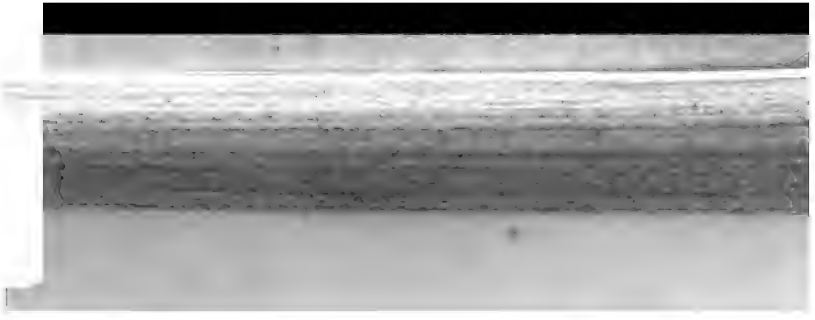
On the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of t Church from time to time.

Section 1. As a full and accurate view of the state of t
Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it
hereby ordered that every Minister of this Church shall prese
or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annu
Convention, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or, where there is
Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of t
number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, a
of the number of communicants in his parish or church, and
all other matters that may throw light on the state of the sam
and these parochial reports, or such parts of them as the Bish
shall think fit, shall be read and entered on the journals of t
Convention. And every other clergyman not regularly settl
in any parish or church, shall also report to the ecclesiastical a
thority of his Diocese, the occasional services he may have p
formed, and if he have performed no such services, the causes
reasons which have prevented the same.

NOTICE.

The next Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts will be held in Trinity Church, Boston, on the *third Tuesday* of June, 1838, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Secretary.*



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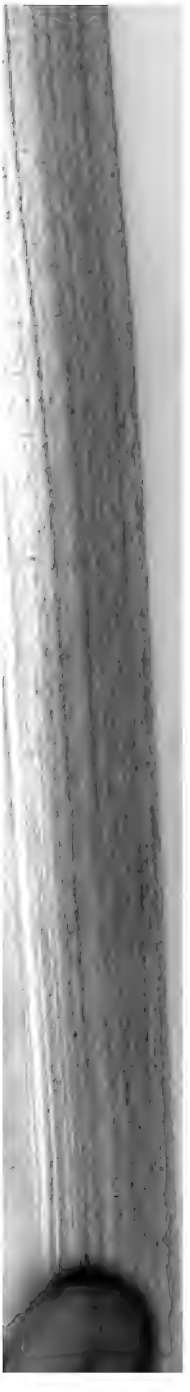
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BOSTON, WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPT. 26, 1838.

ACCORDING to appointment, the Convention met at 9 o'clock, in Grace Church, Boston. Morning prayers were read by Rev. Albert C. Patterson. A sermon was preached by Rt. Rev. Bishop Smith, of Kentucky, from 1 Cor. vi. 11.

The Lord's Supper was administered by Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold, assisted by Rt. Rev. Bishop Smith.

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop. The following clergymen (the names of the clerical members being called) appeared and took their seats.

From Maine.—Rev. Joel Clapp, Rev. John W. French, Rev. Wm. Horton.

From Massachusetts.—Rev. Samuel G. Appleton, Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rev. Isaac Boyle, Rev. Thomas M. Clark, Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, Rev. H. L. Conolly, Rev. Wm. Croswell, Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, Rev. E. A. Greenleaf, Rev. Mark A. D'W. Howe, Rev. Charles Mason, Rev. Samuel M'Burney, Rev. Albert C. Patterson, Rev. John S. Stone, D. D., Rev. Thomas H. Vail, Rev. John L. Watson.

From Rhode Island.—Rev. John P. Fenner, Rev. A. H. Vinton.

The certificates of lay delegates were then presented; and the following gentlemen answered to their names, and took their seats:—

Wm. G. Goddard, St. John's Church, Providence; Theron Metcalf, St. Paul's Church, Dedham; Larkin Thorndike, St. Peter's Church, Salem; Hiram Waldron, St. Thomas' Church, Taunton; Harrison Fay, Grace Church, Boston; Isaac Lum, Christ Church, Cambridge; Ebenezer Rhoades, St. James' Church,

Roxbury; Allen C. Curtis, St. Mary's Church, Newton; ward S. Davis, Christ Church, Lynn; S. R. Hanscom, St. A Church, Lowell; John Bacon, Christ Church, Boston; J. Brigham, Thomas Bottomly, Christ Church, Clappville; Geo P. Wardwell, Resolved Waterman, Grace Church, Provide Edward S. Wilkinson, St. Paul's Church, North-Providence.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Howe, the Convention proceeded the choice of a Secretary. Mr. Howe declining re-election, Convention made choice of Rev. J. W. French.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Clark.

Voted, That the Rt. Rev. Bishop Smith of Kentucky be vited to attend the sittings of this Convention, and that a chai provided for him on the right of the President.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Stone.

Voted, That Clergymen not members of this Convention, candidates for holy orders, desirous of attending the deliberati of this Convention, be admitted to honorary seats in the same.

Whereupon, Rev. Mr. Snow and Rev. Mr. Shephard, of C necticut, Rev. Mr. Hoppin, of New York, Rev. N. W. Mun of Tennessee, appeared, and took seats.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Stone,

The rules of the last year were adopted and read.

RULES.

1. The morning service of the Church shall be performed ev day during the session of the Convention.

2. When the President takes the chair, no member shall c tinue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the C vention, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When a member is about to speak, or to deliver any matte the Convention, he shall, with due respect, address himself to President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same deba without leave of the Convention.

6. While the President is putting any question, the memb shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private d course.

7. Every member who shall be present when any question put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally int ested in the discussion.

8. No motion shall be considered as before the Conventi unless seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

9. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion sh be made, except to amend, to divide, to commit, or to postpone

but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate. A question on amendment shall be decided before the original motion.

10. All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

11. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Goodwin,

Voted, To proceed to the election of a Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The following members were chosen : —

Rev. J. S. Stone, D. D., Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D. Rev. Moses B. Chase, Rev. Joel Clapp, Rev. J. L. Watson, of the clergy; Edward A. Newton, S. T. Northam, J. C. Merrill, E. S. Rand, Esqrs., of the Laity.

The following were elected by nomination as preachers before the next Annual Convention,

To preach at the opening of the Convention, Rev. J. L. Watson; and Rev. Thomas H. Vail, his substitute.

For Tuesday evening, Rev. Charles Mason; and Rev. Thomas M. Clark, his substitute.

For Wednesday evening, Rev. Samuel Fuller, Jr.; Rev. J. S. Stone, D. D., his substitute.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Stone,

Voted, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in this place, this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Baury,

Voted, To appoint a Financial Committee of three.

Rev. Mr. Baury, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Hanscom were appointed that Committee.

The Bishop retired, and called to the chair the Rev. Joel Clapp.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Goodwin,

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to consider the subject of the Episcopal Fund.

Rev. J. S. Stone, D. D., and Mr. Davis were appointed that Committee.

On motion of Mr. Metcalf,

Voted, That the consideration of the amendment to the Constitution, proposed at the last Diocesan Convention be postponed to the next Annual Convention.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Howe,

Resolved, That the following amendment to the Constituti the Eastern Diocese be laid over for consideration at its annual meeting, and be previously submitted to the consider of the Conventions of the respective States.

Resolved, That the 2d article of the Constitution be ame by the substitution of the word triennally for annually: So tha Article shall read, "There shall be *triennially* held a Conve of the Church in this Diocese," &c. &c.

The Convention adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'cloc

The Convention assembled, the Bishop in the chair. Rev Burroughs, of Portsmouth, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Metcalf,

Voted, That to relieve the Secretary, a Committee be appo for the publication of 800 copies of the Journal, and their c bution. Rev. Mr. Croswell and Rev. Mr. Howe, were appo that Committee.

The Bishop delivered his Address.

Certificates of the Lay Delegates from St. Paul's Church, ton, were presented, viz. John Jeffries, M. D., Samuel Lawr Esq., Henry Codman, Esq. The latter gentleman appeared took his seat.

Rev. Mr. Howe presented the accounts of the Secretary Treasurer; and on his motion,

These were referred to the Financial Committee.

They reported, "That they had examined them and found t correct and properly vouched."

Their report was accepted.

Rev. Mr. Baury, from the Financial Committee, read the lowing report.

The Financial Committee estimate the probable expens publishing the Rt. Rev. Bishop's Address, and the Journa forty dollars, which they have apportioned among the Chur here represented as follows: —

Trinity Church, Saco,	$1.00	Grace Church, Boston,	$
Christ Church, Boston,	3.00	St. Paul's Church, Dedham,	
Trinity Church, Boston,	5.00	St. Mary's Church, Newton,	
St. Paul's Church, Boston,	5.00	St. Ann's Church, Lowell,	

St.James' Church,Roxbury,	$1.00	Grace Church, Providence,	$3.00
St. Peter's Church, Salem,	2.00	Christ Church, Clappville,	1.00
St. Thomas' do. Taunton,	2.00	St.John's do.Wilkinsonville,	1.00
Christ Church, Cambridge,	1.00	Christ Church, Lynn,	1.00
St. John's do. Providence,	4.00	St. Paul's Church, Portland,	2.00

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following: —

Resolved, That the delegates present, now pay to the Treasurer, the amounts severally apportioned to their respective Churches.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED L. BAURY, } Committee.
EDWARD S. DAVIS, }

Grace Church, Boston, Sept. 26, 1838.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Howe,

Voted, That this report be accepted.

Voted, That the Secretary now call on the Delegates from the several Churches mentioned in the report, for their quotas.

The Secretary made the call, and the apportioned sums were paid from the following Churches, viz:—

Christ Church, Boston, $3; Trinity, Boston, $5; St. James', Roxbury, $1; St. Peter's Church, Salem, $2; Christ Church, Cambridge, $1; Grace Church, Providence, $3; Christ Church, Clappville, $1; St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville, $1; Christ Church, Lynn, $1; St. Paul's Church, Portland, $2.

On motion of Rev. A. H. Vinton,

Voted, That the next place of meeting for the Convention of the Eastern Diocese be St. Mary's Church, in Newton, Lower Falls, Massachusetts.

On motion of Rev. J. W. French,

Voted, To re-consider the Resolution of this morning, postponing to the next Annual Convention the consideration of the amendment to the Constitution proposed at the last Convention of the Eastern Diocese.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Goodwin, the following resolution was adopted with but one dissenting voice, which was given from the Delegation of Massachusetts.

Resolved, That the amendment to the Constitution proposed in the last Convention of the Eastern Diocese be adopted, viz.

That the 7th article be rescinded, and the following substitute be adopted:—"The Association of the Eastern Diocese shall be dissolved on the demise of its present Bishop."

The Report of the Treasurer of Easter Collections was and referred to the Financial Committee.

Said Committee reported upon it the following, written ben the Report of the Treasurer:—

We have examined the above account, and find it correct properly vouched.

ALFRED L. BAURY, } Committe
EDWARD S. DAVIS, }

Grace Church, Boston, Sept. 26, 1838.

This Report of the Financial Committee was accepted.

Mr. Benjamin P. Richardson was appointed Treasurer o Fund from Easter Collections.

Rev. Mr. Howe declined serving on the Committee for lishing and distributing Journals, and the Rev. Mr. Clark substituted.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Vail,

Voted, That the same gentlemen who composed the Bos Trustees of the Episcopal Fund during the last year, be re- ed, and that the Secretary give notice to them, viz. Joseph Ti Zechariah Allen, Henry Codman, James C. Dunn, Esqrs. that Rev. Mr. Boyle be added to the Trustees, and act as T surer and Secretary.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund was It was referred to an Auditing Committee, consisting of Rev. Howe and Rev. Mr. Watson.

They made a verbal Report, that they found it correct properly vouched.

Their Report was accepted.

Rev. Mr. Goodwin proposed the following Resolution, wh after debate, was *lost*:—

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested hereafter to deliv Address to the Conventions of the several States, composing Eastern Diocese, instead of the usual Address to this Convent

These minutes of the Secretary were read and approved.

Voted, To adjourn after the Episcopal Benediction.

Adjourned accordingly.

J. W. FRENCH, *Secretar*

On Wednesday evening, after prayers by Rev. Joel Clapp, J. W. French preached, according to appointment.

APPENDIX.

The Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Eastern Diocese of the United States of America.

ARTICLE 1. The States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, *Vermont*,* and Maine, shall constitute one Episcopal Diocese, in subordination to the General Convention, and shall be entitled

THE EASTERN DIOCESE OF THE UNITED STATES.

ART. 2. There shall be annually held a Convention of the Church in this Diocese, on the last Wednesday in September in such place as shall be agreed upon at the preceding Convention, composed of the clergy belonging to the Diocese, and a lay delegate or delegates not exceeding three, from each of the Churches which may have been recognized by the Bishop or a Standing Committee of the Diocese.

ART. 3. The Convention shall deliberate and act in one body, but shall vote in distinct orders, when any member shall call for such a division on any question; and in such case a concurrence of a majority of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to any measure.

ART. 4. The Bishop, or if the Bishop be not present, a clergyman, chosen by ballot, shall be President of the Convention.

ART. 5. At each meeting of the Convention, a Secretary shall be chosen by ballot, who shall keep a true and fair record of the proceedings of Conventions, and at the close of each session shall furnish the Bishop with a copy of the same, or, if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee.

ART. 6. There shall be a Standing Committee elected at each stated meeting of the Convention, consisting of nine persons, one of whom shall be from each State in the Diocese.

ART. 7. The Association of the Eastern Diocese shall be dissolved on the demise of its present Bishop.

ART. 8. Standing rules for the orderly conducting of business shall be devised, from time to time, in the Convention.

ART. 9. No State shall withdraw from this Diocese, without the approbation of the other States and of the Bishop of the Diocese.

ART. 10. No alteration shall be made in this Constitution but in the Annual Convention, nor unless it has been proposed in a previous Convention, nor without the concurrence of a majority of the Delegation from at least three of the States of the Diocese.

* Agreeably to the ninth article of the Constitution, Vermont has withdrawn from the Diocese; so that the Eastern Diocese now comprises only the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Dr. ***Easter Collections in the Eastern Diocese in account current with Benjamin P. Richardson, Treasurer.*** **Cr.**

1838.		$ cts.
Jan. 12.	To Bishop Griswold's order in favor of Rev. Erastus D'Wolf, dated this day,	20,00
" 18.	To Bishop Griswold's order in favor of Rev. Daniel Leach, dated this day,	50,00
March 24.	To Bishop Griswold's order in favor of Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, dated 15th inst.,	50,00
April 23.	To Bishop Griswold's order in favor of Hiram Jacobs, for Rev. H. Blackaller, dated this day,	50,00
May 15.	To Bishop Griswold's order in favor of Rev. Charles C. Taylor, dated this day,	12,50
June 22.	To Bishop Griswold's order in favor of Rev. Erastus D'Wolf, dated this day,	40,00
Aug. 28.	To Bishop Griswold's order in favor of Rev. Mr. Hoppin, or bearer,	25,00
June 21.	To Bishop Griswold's order in favor of Rev. Charles C. Taylor, dated this day,	12,50
Sept. 26.	Balance on hand,	154,04
		$414,04

BENJ. P. RICHARDSON, Treasurer.

Boston, Sept. 26, 1838.

1837.		$ cts.
	Balance from old account,	97,32
Oct. 27.	By St. Thomas' Church, Taunton,	15,00
"	By Grace do. New Bedford,	15,00
"	By Grace do. Providence,	26,30
"	By Christ do. Lonesdale,	5,00

The above received of Rev. George W. Hathaway, by Rev. Nathaniel T. Bent.

1838.				$ cts.
April 17.	By St. Paul's Church,	Boston, by Henry Codman,		126,00
" 21.	By St. John's	do. Portsmouth, Rev. Dr. Burroughs,		30,00
" 23.	By St. Michael's	do. Marblehead, by Wm. H. Lewis,		6,75
" "	By St. Peter's	do. Salem, by Bishop Griswold,		15,00
May 1.	By Christ	do. Lonesdale,	do. do.	6,00
" "	By Trinity	do. Holderness,	do. do.	5,00
" "	By St. James'	do. Woonsocket,	do. do.	8,36
" 15.	By St. James'	do. Amesbury, by Rev. Ch. C. Taylor,		5,50
June 5.	By Christ	do. Cambridge, by Rev. Tho. H. Vail,		12,00
" 18.	By Trinity	do. Bridgewater, by John Edson,		5,31
" 19.	By St. Peter's	do. Drewsville, by Bishop Griswold,		4,19
" "	By St. Mark's	do. Blandford, by Rev. Milton Ward,		5,81
" 21.	By St. Paul's	do. Newburyport, by Rev. Dr. Morss,		20,00
" "	By St. John's	do. Ashfield, by Rev. Jacob Pierson,		4,25
Aug. 9.	By St. Luke's	do. Charlestown, N.H. by Bp. Griswold,		1,25
				$414,04

Grace Church, Boston, Sept. 26, 1838.

We have examined the above account, and find it correct and properly vouched.

Dr. *Episcopal Fund in account current with James C. Dunn, Treasurer.* **Cr.**

			$ cts.
1837.			
Nov. 25.	To Cash paid Rt. Rev. A. V. Griswold	-	150,00
1838.			
Feb. 5.	To Cash do. do. do. - -		75,00
Aug. 4.	To Cash do. do. do. -		70,00
" "	To Cash do. do. do. - -		18,00
" 3.	To Cash paid premium on Providence bills, -		19
			$313,19

The Treasurer collected and paid to the Rt.Rev. Bishop,

In 1835, - - - - - -	800,00
In 1836, - - - - - -	800,00
In 1837, - - - - - -	900,00
In 1838, on account of 1837, - -	75,00
do. do. - - - - - -	88,00

			$ cts.
1837.			
Sept. 25.	By balance from old account, - - -		80,60
Nov. 25.	By Cash from St. Paul's Church, Boston, -		131,34
1838.			
Jan. 16.	By Cash from Christ Church, Clappville, -		6,75
" "	By Cash from St. Andrew's Church, Hopkinton,		10,00
1837.			
Feb. 20.	By Cash from St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich,		7,00
1838.			
June 19.	By Cash from Trinity Church, Bridgewater, -		8,00
July 2.	By Cash from Christ Church, Cambridge, - -		12,00
Aug. 3.	By Cash from Grace Church, Providence, •		39,50
" 31.	By Cash from ——— Church, Newport, - -		18,00
			$313,19

JAMES C. DUNN, Treasurer.

Boston, Sept. 26, 1838.

Twenty dollars from Zion's Church, Newport, and ten dollars and sixty-eight cents, from Christ's Church, Gardiner, were sent to Boston; but, by reason of the Treasurer's absence, were not entered in season to be reported.

Dr. *Eastern Diocese in account current with M. A. D'Wolf Howe, Secretary.* Cr.

1837.		$ cts.
October.	To paid J. B. Dow for printing Journal of Annual Convention	36,00
	To paid for Book of Record,	4,00
	To paid Torrey and Blair for printing Circulars,	5,25
	To paid Torrey & Blair, for advertising Journal,	1,75
1838.		
	To paid Torrey & Blair, for printing Journal of the Adjourned Convention,	35,67
	To paid H. P. Lewis, for printing Report of Committee to Adjourned Convention,	5,00
	To paid for copying Journals,	2,00
		$89,67
	Balance in the hands of the Secretary,	14,79
		$104,46

1837.		$ cts.
Sept. 28.	By Cash of sundry Parishes of the Diocese, as per Journal,	50,00
1838.		
Jan. 11.	By cash of sundry parishes of the Diocese, as per Journal of Adjourned Convention,	54,00
	By balance on hand at the commencement of the present Conventional year,	46
		$104,46

M. A. D'WOLF HOWE, Sec.

Grace Church, Boston, Sept. 26, 1838.
Examined and found correct and properly vouched.
ALFRED L. BAURY, } Com.
EDWARD S. DAVIS, }

Bishop Griswold's

ADDRESS TO THE CONVENTION,

ASSEMBLED IN GRACE CHURCH,

BOSTON, SEPT. 26, 1838.

ONCE more, brethren and Christian friends, have I occasion to ask your patient attention to a report of my official performances, during the year which has elapsed since our annual meeting in New Bedford. On the Sunday following, I preached three times in Dedham, and confirmed two persons. In the state of the parish and its concerns there had been no material change in the year then past.

The next Lord's Day, October 8th, I passed in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Preached three times, and confirmed eleven, and was rejoiced by finding the Church in a thriving state. The next day preached twice in Saco, State of Maine, and confirmed eight. That parish, which has ever done well, was doing still better than in years preceding. The ministry of their faithful Rector is likely to be highly useful there.

Tuesday, the 10th, I preached once in Portland, and Wednesday three times, and confirmed twelve. Here too, I was happy to find the people spiritually alive, and the work of God, we had reason to believe, prospering in the hands of their minister.

Thursday, I continued my journey to Gardiner, where

the next day I preached twice, and confirmed twenty-o
In visiting our Churches, scarce any thing is more pain
than the fact that so few, generally speaking, pres
themselves for confirmation, and avail themselves of
other ordinances, which the Lord, in his merciful go
ness, has "made for man," as seals of his covenant
save our souls; as means of grace and pledges of his lo
But in that visit to Maine, much reason had we to bl
his name for the fruits of his Spirit, in seeing such nu
bers of humble, pious souls devoting themselves to
Lord who bought them.

On Saturday of the same week, I continued on seve
miles farther, to Bangor, it being my first visit to t
place, and was accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Clapp.
the beautiful Church edifice which has been erected th
and the very untoward circumstances which have hitl
to paralyzed the efforts of our liberal friends to establis
permanent parish in that place, I have formerly given
some account. On Sunday, the 15th, I preached in
church three times, the Rev. Mr. C. assisting in the
vice. During the week, he and the Rev. Mr. Fren
who on Monday joined us, preached several times.
Thursday evening, I preached on the subject of Con
mation, before a large assembly of people, and seven
sons, with the appearance of sincere devotion, presen
themselves to receive the ordinance. Afterwards
Clerical brethren returned to their respective parishes, a
the following Sunday I was left to perform the servi
alone, which, on account of the failure of my voice,
quired no little exertion. I preached three times, a
administered the Lord's Supper to a few devout comm
nicants. It was, probably, the first time that the sac
ment was, in our way, administered in that place. Th
was reason to believe that the ministration of both
ordinances made a favorable impression upon the peo
present. It was pleasant to learn, during my visit th

that the people of Bangor are favorably disposed towards the Episcopal Church, and should the parish be freed from its embarrassments, there is good reason to believe that a highly respectable congregation would soon be collected, and other Churches of our communion be formed in the Eastern part of that State.

On Saturday, the 28th, I visited Lowell, in Massachusetts, and preached in the evening in their spacious lecture room, which was filled by the Sunday scholars, their teachers, and others of the congregation. The Rector performed the service, and also addressed the people. Very interesting was the sight of so many children and youth seeking the knowledge of their Creator, and the paths of heavenly wisdom, and their teachers, voluntarily engaged in that most excellent labor of love. The next day I preached three times, and confirmed thirty-five. Such, with God's blessing, were the fruits of the unceasing and most devoted labors of their Pastor.

The next Monday, the 30th, I went to Andover, and on Tuesday, the 31st of October, dedicated to God's holy worship their newly erected house, by the name of *Christ Church*. It is a beautiful edifice, finely located, and completely finished, with a bell, and also a very good organ, built by Mr. Morss, of Newburyport. The whole is in fine taste, and does much honor to the zeal and liberality of those at whose expense it has been erected. May it long be to them, and to multitudes of their pious descendants, "the house of God and gate of heaven." I preached on occasion of the consecration, and the next day instituted the Rev. Samuel Fuller, as "Rector of Christ Church in Andover." During the two days, there were other services and sermons by the brethren who attended the solemnities. Their services were probably more useful than mine, and the report of them might be more interesting to this Convention: and permit me brethren, to observe, once for all, that I should report them with more

pleasure than my own acts—but my own, as you kn
our Canons make it my duty to report, and I omit o
things, perhaps more important, lest your patience, by
length of my Address, should be exhausted. It would
my judgment, be well for the minister of each Chu
visited, to write a brief account of what may be most
teresting and edifying to readers, and send it for publ
tion in our religious Journal. In many cases this
been done; but it might to profit be done still oftener.

In returning from Andover, I took a cold, which
consequence probably of so much speaking, produce
inflammation of the lungs. The Sunday following,
appointment having been previously made, I administ
the rite of Confirmation to twenty-five persons in Tri
Church, in Boston, when prudence would have dire
me not to leave my bed. That exertion, no doubt
creased the illness, which confined me for more than
months, and was the most distressing I ever endu
For some weeks it seemed probable that my labor
earth were finished; but, through the Lord's blessing
the kind assiduity of skilful physicians, I am still
tinued among the living, while several of our able, ac
and useful ministers have been taken away. This
may believe, among other wise purposes of God's pr
dence, is intended to teach us to confide less in man,
more in Him whose "strength is made perfect in
weakness" of the instruments which he employs to do
work. My voice had been for several years failing,
since that sickness, is become so broken and weak tha
do not attempt to speak so much in public as had l
been my custom.

Sooner than I was well able to do it, I attended the
journed Convention, January the 10th, of the pres
year, and on the 11th, in Grace Church, Boston, admi
the Rev. Messrs. Henry Waterman, Washington
Zandt, Eleazer A. Greenleaf, and George Waters, to
Order of Priests.

On Saturday, the 20th of January, I again visited Andover, and on Sunday preached once for the first time since my sickness, and confirmed thirteen. And here I may observe, that though I have not, during our last Diocesan year, visited, as is my usual practice, every Church in the Diocese, I have never in one year devoted more time to this service. As the Clergy prefer my visiting their Churches, so as to be on a Sunday with them, I have endeavored, as far as was practicable, to accommodate them in this, which has caused my travelling many more miles.

The Sunday following my second visit to Andover, I confirmed, in the morning, twenty-two persons in the Episcopal City Missionary Chapel, and in the afternoon of the same day, twenty-three in Grace Church, in Boston. The labors of the City Missionary, the Rev. Mr. M'Burney, have been very assiduous and very useful. The congregation would undoubtedly be very much larger, and the benefit of the mission much increased, if a suitable Church were erected for their accommodation. The affairs of the parish who worship in this Church, in which we are assembled, have been uniformly prosperous, and the people uncommonly attentive to public worship, and other religious duties. The Rev. Dr. Wainwright, some months since, and much to my regret, resigned the Rectorship of Trinity Church in this city, and has been transferred to the Diocese of New York. The Rev. Mr. Watson has been blessed with health and strength equal to the performance of the duties of the parish, which, under his ministry, continues large and prosperous.

On Sunday, the 4th of February, I was in Wilkinsonville, of this State, where I preached twice, and had the pleasure of seeing twenty-five devoutly present themselves for confirmation. I also assisted brother Goodwin in the Communion. It was a season of much spiritual refreshment to us all. Though the number of our Churches,

through want of missionary funds, has not much increa
we have reason, I humbly trust, to rejoice in wha
better, — in an increase of piety, — an awakened at
tion to the one thing needful. The great object we
have, or should have in view, is the salvation of
through faith in Christ. This should be the measur
our prosperity, and we have reason to believe that it
never been greater than in the year which has last
away.

The next Sunday I passed in Bristol, in Rhode Isl
preaching once in Warren, on my way thither. In Br
I preached twice, and confirmed eleven. The parish
tinues large, and is doing well. The Rev. Francis P
who was assistant minister there, has taken a letter
dismission to the Diocese of Maryland.

The Sunday following, I preached twice in L
Mass., and admitted six to confirmation. The Ch
there, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Water
doing well. The congregation is still small, but is gr
ally increasing. The parish appears to have commen
with a right spirit, and with a pious, liberal zeal for
truth as it is in Jesus Christ. Such a people, we
well believe, will be prospered and eventually blessed.

Sunday, the 25th of February, I preached once in
Matthew's Church, Boston, and once in Christ] Chu
of both which I shall have occasion to speak again.

It was in the latter part of February, that the I
Gideon W. Onley, after a long illness, departed this
His talents for the ministry were remarkably good, a
while he exercised it, his success was great. But the
cline of his health induced him soon to relinquish
parochial charge. He died in Portland.

On Sunday, March the 4th, I preached twice in C
bridge, and, the Sunday following, twice in Roxbury
this State. The Church in Cambridge, under the mi
try of the Rev. Mr. Vail, has had considerable increa

and was never in a better condition; and still more encouraging has been the improvement of the parish in Roxbury, and our brother there, is much encouraged by the success of his ministry, by the increasing attention of his people, and their very liberal efforts to make his situation pleasant. They have also a new organ.

Sunday, the 18th, I was in Salem; preached twice and confirmed seven. Their young Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Mason, is well received and happily settled there, and the affairs of that Church were never in a better state.

The next Lord's Day, I was in Westerly, Rhode Island, where, as in times before, I found the Lord's work still increasing. I preached there twice, which is as much preaching as I have attempted to do in one day since my sickness last winter. In addition to the large numbers that I had before confirmed in that parish, twenty-nine came forward to ratify their baptismal obligations, and to confess Christ before men. And besides those, eight others, the Rector informed me, were prepared for confirmation, but happened then to be absent. The next day, I preached in Kingston, the day on which the Rev. Mr. Jansen arrived there to take charge of the parish. They had been for some time without a minister, and no preparation was made for confirmation.

I continued on to Tower Hill, where, the following day, I preached, and confirmed three persons. Prospects there were brightening. The people, some of whom are wealthy farmers, seem to be becoming more interested in the worship of God, and more sensible of the importance of bringing up their families in his faith and fear.

The Church in Wickford is now under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Burge. On the 28th, I preached there once, and confirmed four persons. Our labors have never been blessed there, as in most of the other places, where they have been bestowed; but it is very desirable that they should be continued. They have a comfortable

house for Divine worship, but its location is unfortu
Many of our people seem not to be duly sensible how
portant it is, that a place of public worship should b
easy access.

On the 29th, I preached once in East Greenwich,
confirmed three persons. That town has recently suff
very much in its pecuniary concerns, and the Churc
its externals, is weakened and depressed; but we sh
hope and pray, that the Lord, through the contin
labors of its Rector, will enrich them with more valu
treasures.

The next day, I preached in North Providence, wh
the Church still continues in its vigorous, thriving st
but they were not in readiness for confirmation.

On the first day of April, I preached in Grace Chu
Providence, and confirmed forty-seven; and once als
St. John's Church, of the same city, where fifteen c
to confirmation. These numbers of pious believer
Christ, voluntarily confessing him before men, and ra
ing their baptismal engagements, were a pleasing p
that the Spirit of God is still poured out upon th
Churches.

On the 5th of April, being the day appointed for
public Fast, in Massachusetts, I preached in Grace Chu
Boston. And on the 8th, in St. Paul's, of the same c
where I confirmed nineteen. These Churches conti
large and prosperous, and abounding in good wo
Their contributions to aid small parishes and for o
missionary purposes, have been very liberal and of g
benefit.

On the 12th, I preached in the School of the Rev.
Wells, and was highly gratified in seeing eleven of
pupils come forward to confirmation. His establishm
is certainly of great benefit in promoting good morals
true religion; while his usefulness in the Church is m
increased by his occasional services in various paris

The next day, being Good Friday, I preached in Christ Church, in Boston, and confirmed twenty-four. And on Easter Sunday, preached twice in Marblehead, confirmed eleven, and baptized a child. The two parishes last mentioned are entitled to much praise for their kind regard for their Rectors, and for their pious, liberal and successful efforts to maintain the gospel ministrations.

On April the 22d, I preached in St. Paul's Church, Boston; the day it was which completed the seventy-second year of my age. It is an age which is reached by few, and which, through the course of my life, I had never expected to see. But "honorable age is not that which standeth in length of time, and is measured by number of years; wisdom is the gray hair unto men, and an unspotted life is old age," in the best use of the words.

On the 25th, I again visited Rhode Island, and preached in Woonsocket, and preached again the next day, in the same place. The Rev. Mr. Waterman, their minister, was absent on account of ill health, and the Rev. Mr. Davies officiating in his stead. Mr. Waterman's health, we rejoice to learn, is almost restored, and we may hope that he will soon be able to perform all his parochial duties. This cannot be said of the parish visited the next day, when I preached in Mansville; their minister, the Rev. Ephraim Munroe, was reduced by sickness to great bodily weakness, and after a few days of rapid decline, his short season of useful labor was ended. A more faultless character this world has rarely, if ever, seen. By all who knew him he was much esteemed, and is much lamented. In these two parishes there was, of course, no confirmation. The latter is still without a minister.

The Rev. Mr. Van Zandt has for several months officiated in Lonsdale, under whose ministry the parish has much revived. I passed Sunday, the 29th of April there; preached twice, and confirmed eleven. On Sunday, the

6th of May, preached twice in St. Mary's Church, N ton, of Mass., and confirmed twenty-eight. That Chu is in a very good state as regards both its spiritual and temporal concerns. They are now enlarging their ho for the accommodation of more people.

May the 13th, I preached in Amesbury, in the morn and admitted the Rev. Charles C. Taylor to the orde Priests; in the afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Clark preacl and ten were confirmed. Their house is small, and tirely filled. Had they a larger edifice, we have rea to believe that the congregation would fast increase. the evening of the same day, preached in Newbury when nine came forward to ratify their baptismal obl tions. The Rev. Dr. Morss is one of the very few of clergy who have refused to leave their people, and h continued to labor faithfully in the field to which t were first called. His labors have been uniformly bles

Several times have I preached in this city, and in neighboring Churches, which, not being regular visitati I pass over without mention. On Sunday, the 20th May, I preached twice in New Bedford, confirmed n teen, and admitted Henry W. Lee to the order of Deac He has since officiated in various places, much, I am t to the approbation of the people. Since our meeting year in New Bedford, the parish there have made lib and successful efforts to diminish the debt due for building of their new Church, and are in a prosper state. On my way home, I visited Bridgewater, prea ing once only. It was but a short time after the R Mr. Blackaller had taken charge of the parish, and bef he had prepared for confirmation. We have good rea to believe that his labors will be much blessed there.

In Trinity Church, Boston, on the 24th of May, Rev. Edward C. Bull was ordained Priest.

Sunday, the 27th of May, I preached in the Mission Chapel, Boston, and, in the afternoon, again visited

James' Church, Roxbury, where I preached and confirmed thirteen persons. And, in the same week, commenced a second tour to the East, confirming five in Portsmouth, New Hampshire; seven in Saco, in Maine; seven in Portland, and four in Gardiner, preaching as usual in all the parishes. Reached Bangor, Tuesday, the 5th of June, and on Wednesday, met with the Convention of that State; preached three times during that second visit, and attended other services. The Rev. Mr. Hoppin, who was then officiating there as a missionary, has since left Bangor, and the parish is vacant; that it should be speedily and well supplied, is of very much importance.

Sunday, the 17th of June, in the morning, I preached in Cambridge, Mass., and confirmed three persons, and, in the afternoon, preached in Grace Church, in Boston, and confirmed thirty-four, — making the number confirmed in this Church, during this last Diocesan year, fifty-seven.

In the latter part of the month, I commenced a journey to the western part of Massachusetts. Sunday, the 24th, I passed in Northampton, and delivered two discourses. The Rev. Mr. Devens was there, and is still officiating there, and the prospects of the Church seemed to be brightening. Two or three days following, I spent in Greenfield; preached there three times, and, the Rector being absent, performed all the services. Two were confirmed. The parish still maintains its good character of union and zeal, and has never been in a more prosperous condition.

On the 28th, I preached in Ashfield, to that little flock, who continue "stedfast and unmoveable, and abounding (we trust) in the work of the Lord." On the 30th, I preached in Lanesborough, and to four persons administered confirmation. The parish continues in a very thriving state.

On Sunday, July 1st, I preached twice in Pittsfield, confirmed twelve; admitted Robert M. Chapman to the

Order of Deacons, and of course administered the L
Supper. Here also was no falling off in zeal and pros
ty. The next day I preached in Lenox, to a small
long without a shepherd, but still anxiously desiring
people more so, the bread of life.

In Lee, about five miles from Lenox, is a call fo
ministrations, where, to human appearance, a suitable
sionary would soon collect a good congregation.
Rev. Mr. Parker officiates in Stockbridge, to a few pe
What might be done there by a missionary, devotin
chief time and attention to the ministry among them,
not yet been fairly tried.

In Great Barrington, I preached three times, and
firmed five. There, on the 5th, the Rev. Ethan
was admitted to the order of the Priesthood, our
brethren Gilbert and Shaw assisting. Sunday, the 8
passed with Mr. Allen, in his parish in Otis; preac
twice, and confirmed one. Their Church music wa
lightfully sweet and simple, and such as best become
sanctuary. The next day preached once in Bland
and confirmed five. The Rev. Mr. Ward is pleas
situated there, and has a good prospect of a blessing
his labors. The parish have purchased, for his use, a
good house, with several acres of most excellent land.

In Clappville, of this State, the Rev. Mr. Greenleaf
officiates. On my return from the west, he had
several weeks absent on a journey, and had not rece
my letter, making appointment for service in his Chu
which, in consequence, is one of the Churches not vis

In Trinity Church, Boston, Albert C. Patterson
Henry Burroughs, Jr. were ordained Deacons, July
15th. And on the 17th, in Warren, Rhode Island, Ge
M. Randall was ordained Deacon, and has, since his
nation, officiated at Fall River. I delivered the ordina
sermon, and also confirmed four persons. Sunday
22d, I passed in Hanover, Mass., preached twice, and
firmed four.

On the 25th, in a bad state of health, I commenced my annual tour to confirm our Churches in New Hampshire. With much pain and difficulty, I reached Concord, and was obliged to remain three days under the care of a physician, unable, according to appointment, to visit Holderness. Through the wonderful blessing of God, for many years I had been able to fulfil every one of my numerous annual appointments; but every earthly blessing has its termination. I can no longer boast of, or expect such favors. On the morning of the 29th, I had so recovered, that I preached in Concord in the morning, and confirmed four; and in the afternoon, preached in Hopkinton, where two came to confirmation. The next day the Rev. Milton Ward was ordained Priest, with the Communion as usual. I also delivered the discourse. The Rev. Mr. Livermore has officiated as assistant minister in Holderness, during the last year: the parish have repaired one of their houses of public worship. Whether their numbers have increased, I am not able to report. My being unable to visit them caused me much painful anxiety; but it seems to have been the Lord's will, and his will be done.

On the last day of July, I preached in Claremont, when eight persons came to confirmation; and the next day in Cornish, where two were confirmed. The Rev. Henry S. Smith, who has been transferred from Ohio to the Eastern Diocese, has, during the last year, officiated one half of the time in Cornish, and at present the other half in the West Church in Claremont. In that Church I preached on the 2d of August, and confirmed three. I was much gratified in seeing a large and attentive congregation present. The Rev. Mr. Howe was with us, and performed the other service. He officiates every Sunday in the village, so called; and he informed me that his congregation was not diminished, but rather increased since the new arrangement; and it gives me much pleasure to report that the Church in Claremont is in a peaceful, prosperous condition.

Our few friends in Charlestown are now without t ministry of the word and sacraments. I preached th on the 3d, and confirmed one person. It is with them "day of small things," which, however, is not to *despised;* but *how Jacob will arise* there, does not present appear. The parish in Drewsville is also with a minister. I was there on Sunday, the 5th of Augu preached twice, and gave the Communion. On accoun the weakness of my voice, I was, in the afternoon, ass ed in the service by a lay reader. A minister to la there is very much needed, and might be very useful.

On Sunday, the 12th of August, I preached once Roxbury, Mass., and once in the Missionary Chapel in t city; and the next Sunday, twice in Lowell, and c firmed forty-two, making the number confirmed in Church there during the year last past, seventy-se The Sunday School in that parish is the largest in Diocese, containing, if I mistake not, six hundred pu with a suitable number of teachers; and the Re informed me that he might have many more, had he n for their accommodation.

On Sunday, the 2d of this present month, I preac once in each of the two Churches in Newport, and in e of them four persons came to confirmation.

Some few of our Churches, for particular reasons, h not yet been visited, but a greater number have b visited more than once. I have postponed my visit Jamestown and Portsmouth, in Rhode Island, and River, in Mass., till ministers should be stationed in th Recently the Rev. William Hickox, from the Diocese New York, has taken charge of the Church in Jam town; and the Rev. Samuel Penny, Jr., from the s Diocese, has commenced officiating in the parish in P mouth, the charge of which the Rev. Mr. Fenner some time before resigned. The Rev. Mr. Randall been a few weeks in Fall River, with what prospect success I hope soon to learn.

The Rev. Mr. Appleton still officiates one fourth of the time in Marshfield. The Rev. Mr. Leach, some months since, resigned the pastoral charge of the Church in Quincy, and is now instructing a number of youth in Roxbury, and occasionally supplying Churches in the vicinity. The Rev. Mr. Wolcott now officiates in Quincy, which, as also Taunton, I hope soon to visit.

The Rev. Mr. Haskins has an honorable appointment and very responsible situation in one of the charitable institutions of this city, pleasant to himself, and useful to the public.

Ever since my consecration to the Episcopate, I have regularly attended all the meetings of our General Convention; though, through some oversight, my name is omitted in one of its Journals. The last, from which I have recently returned, was fully attended by all the Bishops of our Church, and by delegates from all, or nearly all of the United States. Much business was transacted, and with as much harmony and good Christian feeling as probably was ever seen in so large a number of people, for many days in council assembled. To me it seemed an affecting proof that the Spirit of the Lord was with us. What was done will be seen in its Journals, soon to be published.

The State of New Hampshire, in its last Convention, voted to withdraw from their connexion with the Eastern Diocese, and made application to the General Convention for leave to do it. Though many in the Convention were of opinion that they had nothing to do in the business of our separation, they had no objection, in case I consented to its being done. My consent is given, and I trust will continue to be given to every measure, which will promote the good of our Churches.

I have been so unfortunate as to be misunderstood in what I have at sundry times said on the subject of dividing this Diocese, and of an assistant Bishop. Some have

understood me as saying that I do not need any aid ; others, that I have "repeatedly *entreated* for relief, u the weight of Episcopal duties." I regret my not ha expressed my meaning more intelligibly, and hope th will not be thought unfitting to repeat once more my views and wishes have been.

First. I have often and very expressly desired tha interest and best good of our Churches should be regar and that nothing, which their good does not require, sh be done in compliance with what might be supposed personal interest or desire. Ever since my appointr to the supervision of the Eastern Diocese, I have co ered myself as devoted to its service, and bound to d in my power to promote its prosperity.

Secondly. Lest, through delicacy or regard to my ings, this Convention should refrain from doing wha good required, I have, in my Addresses, more than asked their attention to these subjects of dividing Diocese, and making provision for a Bishop in each of States. And at our last annual Convention, in New ford, being fully persuaded that it was what a respect part of our people desired, I proposed to their partic consideration, the election of an Assistant Bishop, t my successor in one of the States, myself too believ that, if the measure could be amicably accomplishe would be of happy result. But,

Thirdly, And as I thought in language sufficiently telligible, I expressed my entire willingness to acqui in the decision of the Convention ;—that if they elec an Assistant I should rejoice in having his aid ; or, sh they think that inexpedient, I was entirely willing, to utmost of my power, to continue to labor as I had d I do not recollect ever having said or intimated that labors were too arduous, or the compensation for them small. I have been indeed abundantly compensated much more than I had done in the kindness and hospit

ty of our people, and the many—very many favors that I have received. May the Lord, who alone can reward them, remember them for good. Far from entreating to be relieved from my labors, I should rather ask forgiveness for having done so little,—for having left undone what was my duty. It must be evident to all that I can perform but little more; and it is to me the cause of great thankfulness that the election of an Assistant, under such difficulties has been so peaceably accomplished. The testimonials of our Bishop elect were regularly signed and passed in the General Convention, and in case he accepts, for which we should pray, and make suitable provision, there is no obstruction in the way of his consecration. And in case this Convention, and the other States comprising this Diocese, give their consent, there will be nothing in the way of New Hampshire's withdrawing from this Association.

The proposed alteration of the Constitution, so as to permit large dioceses, under certain restrictions, to be divided, was passed in the General Convention, and a new Diocese is to be formed in the western part of New York, which will probably elect a Bishop in November next. Another Missionary Bishop, the Rev. Mr. Polk, of Tennessee, was elected, who will labor, it is expected, in the south-western parts of the United States.

The island of Nantucket has been made, by the General Board of Missions, a Missionary station, and the Rev. Moses Marcus has for several months officiated there, with good prospects, it is said, of ultimate success. I hope, with Divine permission, to visit that place, some time in the next month.

Though I have endeavored, in this Report, to be as brief as a faithful discharge of the duty would admit, it has extended to a length so tedious, that I must omit many things which I had intended to add. With this view of the present state of our Churches, you will see

of yourselves what is necessary on our part to pro
their prosperity and increase. Love and union, and pr
with united zeal, "striving together for the faith o
Gospel," are indispensably necessary. Such holy e
trusting in God to bless them, he has blessed, and
bless.

The ordinations I have already mentioned; five
been admitted to the order of Deacons, and eight t
Priesthood. Confirmations, in Massachusetts, have
416. In Rhode Island, 135. In New Hampshire
and in Maine, 66; total 653. Such an increase is
encouraging.

The number of candidates, including Mr. Vinto
cently transferred from New York, is nine. One, E
H. Cooke, died in New York, and the name of Th
S. Hubbard, has, at his own request, been erased.
number has very much diminished from years past
probably will continue to decrease until we have a S
nary, to educate them in our own Diocese.

Seven Clergymen have been transferred from this
cese;—the Rev. John P. Lathrop, to New Jersey;
Rev. Alexander H. Cull, to Vermont; the Rev. Wi
Thurston, to North Carolina; the Rev. Dr. Wainwr
and the Rev. Edward C. Bull, to New York; the
Zechariah Mead, to Virginia; the Rev. Francis Pec
Maryland; and the Rev. Erastus D. Wolf, to Illinois.

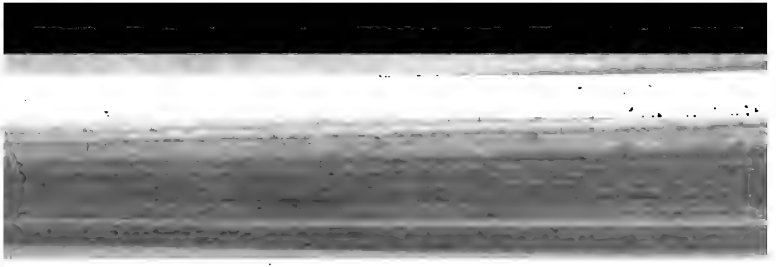
Five, I am happy to report, have been transferre
this Diocese. The Rev. Henry S. Smith, from O
the Rev. David S. Devens, from Vermont; the
William H. Hickox, and the Rev. Samuel Penny
from New York, and the Rev. Nathan W. Munroe,
Tennessee. The last named of these, with some fe
those lately ordained have not yet become permane
stationed in parishes; but will soon we trust, find
fields of labor, to which the Lord, in his own good
will call them.

Two of our candidates have recently been transferred—John Williams, to Connecticut; and Henry W. Sweetser, to New York.

The Rev. Mr. Conolly has resigned the pastoral charge of St. Matthew's Church, in South Boston, and it is now under the care of the Rev. Mr. Clinch. On the Lord's day of this week I instituted him, as Rector of that parish, and delivered a discourse on the occasion.

Should my life be continued, and the Lord permit, I may soon address the Churches of this Diocese in some other form. I now commend them to your wisdom, and to God's providential care.

ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD.



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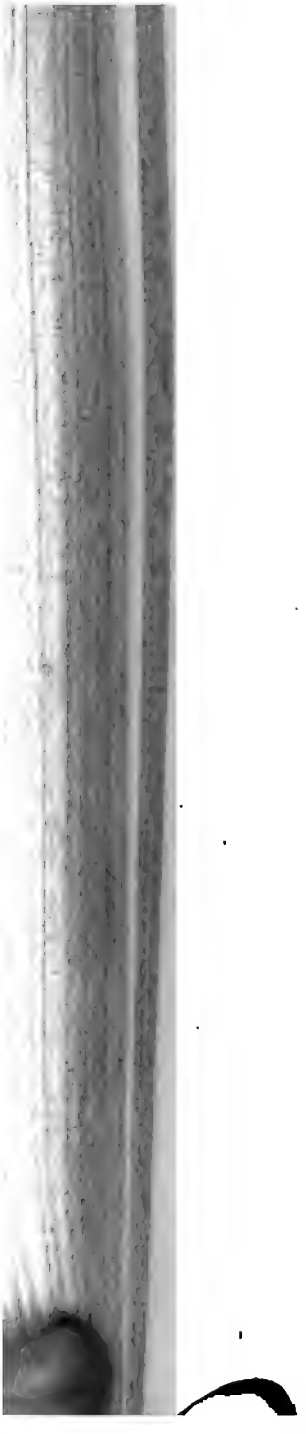
St. Paul's Church, Boston,

WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, A. D. 1839.

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LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts,

JUNE, A. D. 1839.

The Rt. Rev. ALEXANDER VIETS GRISWOLD, D. D., Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, Boston.

The Rev. ETHAN ALLEN, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Otis.

The Rev. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

The Rev. EDWARD BALLARD, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

The Rev. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

The Rev. NATHANIEL T. BENT, officiating in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. HENRY BLACKALLER, Rector of Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

The Rev. JOHN L. BLAKE, D. D., residing in New York.

The Rev. ISAAC BOYLE, D. D., Treasurer of the Convention, occasionally officiating, Boston.

The Rev. ROBERT M. CHAPMAN, Missionary to Texas.

The Rev. THOMAS M. CLARK, Rector of Grace Church, Boston.

The Rev. JOSEPH H. CLINCH, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

The Rev. Horace L. Conolly.

The Rev. William Cook, Deacon, teaching a school Salem.

The Rev. William Croswell, Rector of Christ Churc Boston.

The Rev. David L. Devens, Minister of St. John's Churc Northampton.

The Rev. Theodore Edson, Rector of St. Anne's Churc Lowell.

The Rev. Francis A. Foxcroft.

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Jr., Rector of Christ Churc Andover.

The Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, Rector of St. John Church, Wilkinsonville.

The Rev. Eleazer A. Greenleaf, Rector of St. A drew's Church, Hanover, and Trinity Church, Mars field.

The Rev. George F. Haskins, Superintendent and Cha lain of the House of Reformation.

The Rev. Samuel Hassard, Rector of St. James's Churc Great Barrington.

The Rev. Mark A. D'W. Howe, Rector of St. James Church, Roxbury.

The Rev. Thomas B. Lambert, Chaplain in the Unite States Navy.

The Rev. George Leeds, Deacon, residing in Andover.

The Rev. Daniel Leach, Principal of the Latin an English High School, Roxbury.

The Rev. Henry W. Lee, Deacon, Minister of Chri Church, Springfield.

The Rev. William H. Lewis, Rector of St. Michael Church, Marblehead.

The Rev. Samuel M'Burney, Minister of a Free Churcl and City Missionary, Boston.

The Rev. Charles Mason, Rector of St. Peter's Churcl Salem.

The Rev. JAMES MORSS, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

The Rev. NATHAN M. MONROE, residing in Cambridge.

The Rev. EDMUND NEVILLE, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

The Rev. SAMUEL P. PARKER, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

The Rev. JACOB PEARSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield.

The Rev. GEORGE M. RANDALL, Minister of the Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

The Rev. SAMUEL B. SHAW, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

The Rev. HORATIO SOUTHGATE, Jr., Missionary to Persia.

The Rev. JOHN S. STONE, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

The Rev. THEODORE S. SNOW, Rector of Grace Church, New Bedford.

The Rev. TITUS STRONG, Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield.

The Rev. CHARLES C. TAYLOR, Minister of St. James's Church, Amesbury.

The Rev. JAMES H. TYNG, Principal of a Female Seminary, Philadelphia.

The Rev. FREDERICK WADLEIGH, Deacon, officiating in Ipswich.

The Rev. MILTON WARD, M. D., Rector of St. Mark's Church, Blandford.

The Rev. GEORGE WATERS, Minister of Christ Church, Lynn.

The Rev. JOHN L. WATSON, Assistant Minister on the Greene Foundation, Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, Rector of the School of Moral Discipline, South Boston.

The Rev. CALVIN WOLCOTT, Minister of Christ Church, Quincy.

[Total, 50.]

JOURNAL.

BOSTON, JUNE 19, A. D. 1839.

THIS being the time and place appointed for holding the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, with several clergymen and lay delegates, assembled at St. Paul's Church, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Bishop having taken the chair, a list of the Clergy entitled to seats was called by the Secretary, when the following appeared and answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. ALEXANDER VIETS GRISWOLD, D. D.

Rev. Samuel B. Babcock,	Rev. Mark A. D'W. Howe,
" Alfred L. Baury,	" Henry W. Lee,
" Henry Blackaller,	" Charles Mason,
" Isaac Boyle, D. D.,	" Samuel M'Burney,
" Thomas M. Clark,	" James Morss, D. D.,
" Joseph H. Clinch,	" Jacob Pearson,
" William Croswell,	" Titus Strong,
" Theodore Edson,	" Charles C. Taylor,
" Samuel Fuller, Jr.,	" George Waters,
" Daniel L. B. Goodwin,	" Calvin Wolcott,
" Eleazer M. Greenleaf,	" George M. Randall,
" Samuel Hassard,	" William H. Lewis.

The certificates of Lay Delegates to the Convention were then presented, and read as follows:

St. Paul's Church, Boston. John Odin, William Shimmin, William Appleton.

St. Peter's Church, Salem. Stephen B. Ives, Joseph Adams.

St. James's Church, Amesbury. David Nayson.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. John W. Gamble,* Ebenezer R. Dodge, Schuyler Whitney.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Croswell,

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to the choice of a Secretary, and that a ballot be dispensed with in this election.

Whereupon, the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls, having been nominated and voted for, was declared reëlected Secretary of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts for the year ensuing.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Croswell,

Resolved, To adopt the standing rules of order, which were then read.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Croswell,

Resolved, That all clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and all theological students of the same, be invited to attend the sittings of the Convention.

The following gentlemen took their seats accordingly in the Convention:

The Rev. Theodore S. Snow, Rector of Grace Church, New Bedford.

The Rev. Frederick A. Wadleigh, officiating at Ipswich.

The Rev. Edmund Neville, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

The Rev. William Cook, residing in Salem.

The Rev. Nathan W. Monroe, residing in Cambridge.

The Rev. Josiah M. Bartlett, of the Diocese of Connecticut.

The Rev. John T. Sabine, of the Diocese of Vermont.

The Rev. William Withington, of the Diocese of New York.

The Rev. Addison Searle, of the Diocese of Michiga
The Rev. John Williams, of the Diocese of Connectic
The Rev. Edward G. Prescott, of the Diocese of N
Jersey.
The Rev. Charles W. Hackley, of the Diocese of N
York.

The Rev. Mr. Croswell presented the following Rep
which was received:

The Standing Committee of the Protestant Episcopal Chu
in the Diocese of Massachusetts, agreeably to the eighth art
of the Constitution, beg leave to lay before the Convention
following abstract from the minutes of their proceedings for
last year:

The Committee have held regular monthly meetings si
their appointment, besides many special meetings.

June 22, 1838. They signed testimonials in favor of Rob
M. Chapman, on his application for admission to the orde
Deacons.

June 26, 1838. They signed testimonials in favor of Alb
C. Patterson, on his application for admission to the orde
Deacons.

On the same day, they signed testimonials in favor of the R
Ethan Allen, on his application for admission to the orde
Priests.

July 2, 1838. They signed testimonials in favor of Geo
Leeds, on his application for admission as a candidate for ord

July 21, 1838. They signed testimonials in favor of the Rev. M
ton Ward, on his application for admission to the order of Prie

August 6, 1838. The Committee chose Charles Russ
Codman, Esq., and on Aug. 21 they chose Benjamin P. Ri
ardson, Esq., to fill two vacancies in the lay delegation to
General Convention. They also voted twenty-five dollars
each of the clerical delegates, for their travelling expenses,
authorized the Treasurer of the State Convention to pay the qu
of the contingent expenses of the next General Convention.

December 3, 1838. They signed certificate of consent to
consecration of the Rev. William Heathcote Delancey, D.
Bishop elect of the Diocese of Western New York.

February 3, 1839. By recommendation of the Bishop, they signed testimonials in favor of FREDERICK AUGUSTUS WADLEIGH, on his application for admission to the order of Deacons.

March 4, 1839. They signed testimonials in favor of the Rev. ROBERT M. CHAPMAN, Missionary in Texas, on his application for admission to the order of Priests.

April 1, 1839. The requisition of three years' candidateship being dispensed with by the Bishop, (under Canon IV, sec. 7, 1838,) they signed testimonials in favor of GEORGE LEEDS, on his application for admission to the order of Deacons.

May 13, 1839. They signed testimonials in favor of the Rev. DAVID S. DEVENS, on his application for admission to the order of Priests.

June 10, 1839. They signed testimonials in favor of the Rev. HORATIO SOUTHGATE, on his application for admission to the order of Priests.

All which is respectfully submitted, in behalf of the Committee.

(Signed,) WILLIAM CROSWELL, *Chairman.*

The following petition was presented and read by the Secretary:

We, the subscribers, hereby certify that a parish has been duly organized in Springfield, under the name of Christ Church, and that said church accedes to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and to the Constitution and Canons of the Church in Massachusetts; and they respectfully ask that said parish may be admitted into union with the Convention of said State.

DIAH ALLIN, } *Wardens of*
SAMUEL MCNARY, } *Christ Church.*

MAJOR GOODSEL,
WILLIAM WINSHIP,
HENRY SEYMOUR,
MARCUS M. TALLMADGE, } *Vestry of Christ Church.*
DAVID S. ROWLAND,
AMAZIAH B. CRANE,
W. W. LEE,

Springfield, June 15, 1839.

bury, from St. Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy, third chapter, fifteenth verse: "*Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*"

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Pearson.

The congregation having retired, the Bishop took the chair, and the Convention proceeded to business.

The Secretary of the Board of Missions presented their Annual Report, with the Treasurer's account, which were read, and are as follows:

The Board of Missions for the Protestant Episcopal Church in Massachusetts, in presenting their Third Annual Report, are called upon to acknowledge their grateful sense of the kind providence of God, through whose guidance their deliberations have been conducted with uninterrupted and perfect harmony, and by whose influence the members of our communion have been led to meet so freely the calls which have been made upon them in behalf of our young and feeble churches.

FINANCES.

In the year 1837, the Treasurer reported the sum of $870.61, as received during the first year after the formation of this Board; in 1838, the sum of $1908.80 was acknowledged; and, in 1839, we find that the receipts have been enlarged to the amount of $3203.61, being an increase upon the income of the preceding year of $1294.81.

The number of parishes to which appropriations have been made is 14, viz.: St. Paul's, Otis; Trinity Church, Bridgewater; St. John's, Northampton; Trinity Church, Nantucket; Christ Church, Andover; Christ Church, Clappville; Christ Church, Springfield; St. John's, Ashfield; Church of the Ascension, Fall River; St. James's, Amesbury; Christ Church, Cambridge, St. Mark's, Blanford; Christ Church, Lynn. Several of these parishes are regarded as regular stations, under the care of the Board, while others have received only temporary assistance.

RESULTS OF MISSIONARY LABOR.

There are two points contemplated in the action of the Board: the one is, to sustain the services of the Church in those ancient

parishes which may be unable to meet the whole expe supporting the gospel ministry, without aid from abroad ; a other has reference to the establishment of new churches, i positions that they may be expected, after assistance has rendered for a few years, to assume an independent footing

The results of missionary labor in the diocese are encour

We have reason to believe that the church at Amesbury speedily assume an independent position, if their accommod were such as to enable them to meet all the applications are made for pews and sittings. Their church is entirely but it is too small to sustain itself without foreign aid.

The success which has attended the labors of our missio at Springfield and at Fall River has been such as to enc the friends of the Church, in both these towns, to proceed a to the erection of churches.

Vigorous efforts have been made to relieve the chu Northampton from the debt which has so long hinde vigorous growth, and with this load removed, such are the pects in that parish, that there can be but little doubt would speedily become a strong and active church, returnin our treasury far more than it has ever received.

The church at Andover continues to receive assistance the Board, but the amount received by this parish is cons decreasing, while the sum of their contributions to the Bo on the increase. This church has already reached a co of decided prosperity, and the funds contributed towards tablishment will undoubtedly prove to have been, to the c at large, a very profitable investment.

UNION OF EFFORT.

The Board have the pleasure to report, that, during th year, the plans and efforts of the friends of the Church in M chusetts have been so combined and united, that, with the ing of God, we may look for greater efficiency of action th have ever yet known.

Communications have been received from the Massach Episcopal Clerical Convocation, proposing to relinquish missionary operations, so far as the establishment of missi stations and the raising and expending of funds are conc to the Board, upon the condition that the Board assum pecuniary liabilities of the Convocation for the current

This proposal was accepted, and the Secretary of the Convocation communicated to the Board, "the willingness of that body to unite cordially, and coöperate actively, in any plan which may further the prosperity of our Missions."

In the month of November, a meeting of the clergy of the parishes in the western part of the State, and of delegates from the same, was held at Lenox, "with the view of inquiring into the condition, resources, and requirements of the several parishes in that part of the Diocese of Massachusetts, respecting aid to be asked from as well as afforded to this Board." The result of this meeting was an arrangement with the Board, which united all the parishes throughout the State, in carrying on our missionary efforts in the diocese.

MODE OF COLLECTING FUNDS.

It will be seen, by reference to the Abstract, presented by the Treasurer, that nearly every parish in the State has contributed to the funds of the Board during the past year.

Several public meetings have been held in Boston, and collections made to meet the exigencies of the Board; and, within the last month, in part through the influence of a strong appeal made to the city churches at a meeting called for this purpose, and of a Circular sent to the clergy throughout the State, the liberal sum of $1250 has been realized.

We have thus been able to meet, in full, all our liabilities for the year; but it ought to be remembered, that the same system of operations for raising funds which has been prosecuted during the past year cannot be relied upon for the future. We have been obliged to make, at intervals, strong and pressing appeals, in order to meet our necessities, and the community will not bear to have *such* appeals often renewed.

Some other mode of operation must be adopted for the future, or we shall be unable to sustain our existing responsibilities, much less to meet the many favorable openings for the establishment of the Church, which have been presented to us.

It is very much to be desired that the Board should be able, in the commencement of the year, to know upon what amount of income they may safely rely, in order to regulate their appropriations by their probable receipts.

It is therefore recommended to the Convention, that the clergy of the State should pledge themselves to endeavor to raise, for the use of the Board, a sum not less than ten per cent. of their

stated salaries, or in some other way to meet the nec which has been adverted to. It is very important that *a* parishes should be interested in this great work, and th should bear their full and proper proportion.

If that system of *systematic contributions*, which has be often recommended to the Church, and which has been s nently successful wherever it has been fairly tried, could troduced into all our parishes, there would be no necessi these occasional, spasmodic efforts, which, in the endea force a premature harvest, often interfere with the regular vation of the vineyard, and exhaust and injure the soil.

FUTURE PROSPECTS.

In reference to the prospect before us, it ought to be that the Board are desirous, not only to retain the ground we have already occupied, but to fill the openings which time to time are presented to us.

As the stations which have, for years past, looked to the for aid, assume the position of independent, self-supp parishes, we are enabled to direct the funds, which they for received, to meet other calls.

But we are unwilling to put aside the applications whic made, till, by this natural reversion of our funds, we may b to meet them. In many cases, the opening must be filled s ly, or not at all. And there are now very favorable op for planting the Church, which we would gladly meet at o the state of our treasury would warrant us in so doing.

In the town of Ipswich, a commodious and beautiful e has been offered us by the proprietors, rent free, for the te two years, if we will support the services of the Church d that period. The incidental expenses of the parish will b by the congregation; and a clergyman, who has been upo ground for a few weeks, has already succeeded in finding q number of families ready to join the congregation, if our ser can be established there. The number of attendants upo worship of the church is now very respectable, but such i uncertainty of our income, that we have not dared to pled permanent salary to the missionary at Ipswich, but have m voted him a single quarterly payment, declining to become l for his yearly salary, till this Convention shall have manifest what extent it will be safe for us to venture.

Charlestown and Worcester are towns of so wide extent, and so rapid in their growth, that it becomes the Episcopal Church to let its doctrines and services be made known there very speedily. Other denominations have taken precedence of us, but it is not too late to establish flourishing churches in these prosperous towns.

Perhaps there has never been a more favorable time than the present, for united and efficient effort to enlarge the borders of the Episcopal Church in Massachusetts. Harmony and peace prevail amongst us; there is no distraction in our councils, and every thing is favorable for the spread of the gospel, through the institutions of the Church. The community around us are becoming better prepared to receive our services and discipline. The simple fact that, amid all the agitations which surround her, and which are rending asunder so many religious communities, the Episcopal Church holds on the even tenor of her way, opening her pulpits *to nothing but the gospel*, and suffering her councils to be occupied by no subjects but those which have *direct* reference to the interests of Christ's church, recommends our venerable communion to the sympathies of judicious and sober-minded evangelical Christians. A favorable opportunity is thus presented us, to bring the sanctifying truths of Christianity to bear upon the hearts and consciences of men, through the medium of the Episcopal Church.

If every parish will do its *proper proportion* of the work, we can meet the openings which, from time to time, are presented, without resorting to *special*, *temporary* efforts. It is for the Convention to decide whether a systematic plan of operation, for the raising of funds, shall now be adopted; and whether, before this body adjourn, it will not, in some way, give such assurance of support to the Board, that it shall be within their power to establish the Church at once in those places to which your attention has been directed in this Report.

The Board would recommend to the Convention the addition of two to the present number of members.

It ought to be added that the Board are only waiting for the Bishop to visit Lenox and Lee, in order to provide for the establishment of missionary services in those towns.

By order of the Board.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *Secretary.*

Boston, June 19, 1839.

Dr. Board of Missions for the Prot. Episcopal Church of

1838.			
July 6.	To Certificate in favor	Rev. Milton Ward, dated June 7th,	- - - -
" 23.	" "	Rev. George Waters, dated July 21,	- - - -
" 27.	Charles Stimpson, Jr. on account a Draft accepted by him of the Mass. Epis Missionary Society, in favor Rev. Asa Eaton, D. D. dated Oct. 14, 1834 for $260, to be paid from proceeds of Prayer Books belonging to the Bear in said Stimpson's hands,		- - - - - - - -
Aug. 20.	Certificate in favor	Rev. Henry Blackaller, dated August 14,	- - - -
" "	" "	Rev. George Waters, " " "	- - - -
" "	" "	Rev. David S. Devens, " " "	- - - -
" 21.	Charles Stimpson, Jr. on account Draft, as above described, July 27th,		
" 25.	Certificate in favor	Rev. Charles C. Taylor, dated July 20th,	- - - -
Sept. 28.	Rev. Wm. Croswell, travelling expenses on an agency of the Board,		-
Oct. 19.	Certificate in favor	Rev. Moses Marcus, dated Oct. 19,	- - - -
" 22.	" "	Rev. Samuel Fuller, Jr. dated Oct. 19,	- - - -
" 25.	" "	Rev. Thos. H. Vail, " " "	- - - -
Nov. 8.	" "	Rev. Zachariah Mead, " " "	- - - -
" 20.	" "	Rev. Henry W. Lee, " Nov. 7,	- - - -
" 27.	" "	Rev. George Waters, " " 23,	- - - -
" 30.	" "	Rev. Charles C. Taylor, " " "	- - - -
Dec. 3.	" "	Rev. David S. Devens, " " "	- - - -
" 8.	" "	Rev. Henry Blackaller, " " "	- - - -
" 15.	" "	Rev. George Waters, " Dec. 11,	- - - -
" 17.	" "	Rev. Charles C. Taylor, " " "	- - - -
1839.			
Jan. 15.	Torrey & Blair, printing circulars, papers, &c.		- - - - -
" "	Certificate in favor	Rev. A. L. Baury, for Rev. Henry W. Lee, dated Jan. 14	
" "	Certificate in favor	Rev. John S. Stone, D. D. dated Jan. 15, being for mone advanced,	- - - - - - - - -
" 17.	Certificate in favor	Edward S. Davis, dated Jan. 15,	- - - - -
" 18.	" "	Francis Clarke, M. D. dated Jan. 15,	- - - -
" "	" "	Rev. George M. Randall, " " "	- - - -
" 22.	" "	Rev. David S. Devens, " " "	- - - -
" 24.	" "	Rev. Charles C. Taylor, " " "	- - - -
" 29.	" "	Rev. Henry W. Lee, " " 14,	- - - -
" 31.	" "	Rev. Thomas H. Vail, " " 31,	- - - -
Feb. 4.	" "	Rev Eleazer A. Greenleaf, " " 15,	- - - -
" 7.	" "	Rev. Henry Blackaller, " Feb. 7,	- - - -
" 8.	" "	Rev. George M. Randall, " Jan. 22,	- - - -
" "	" "	Rev. Samuel Fuller, Jr. " " 28,	- - - -
" "	" "	Rev. Thomas H. Vail, " Feb. 8,	- - - -
" 15.	" "	Rev. Samuel Fuller, Jr. " " 12,	- - - -
" 16.	" "	Rev. Samuel McBurney, " " 11,	- - - -
Mar. 11.	" "	Rev. Moses Marcus, " Mar. 10,	- - - -
April 9.	" "	Hon. Lester Filley, for Rev. Ethan Allen, dated April 8	
" "	" "	Hon. Reuben Boies, for Rev. Milton Ward, dated Feb. 8	
" 13.	" "	Rev. Milton Ward, dated, Feb. 12,	- - - -
" 18.	" "	Rev. Thomas H. Vail, dated April 8,	- - - - -
" 19.	" "	Rev. Samuel Fuller, Jr. dated " 13,	- - - -
" "	" "	Rev. J. S Stone, D.D. April 19, being for money advanced	
" 24.	" "	Rev. George Waters, dated April 22,	- - - - -
" 26.	" "	Rev. Henry Blackaller, dated " "	- - - - -
" 27.	" "	Rev. David S. Devens, " " 13	- - - - -
May 1.	" "	Rev. Charles C. Taylor, dated April 23,	- - - -
" 4.	" "	Rev. Eleazer A. Greenleaf, " " "	- - - -
" 7.	" "	Rev. George M. Randall, " " 29,	- - - -
" 18.	Sleeper, Dix & Rogers, advertising in Mercantile Journal,		- - - -
" 22.	A. E. Coven's Bill, writing circulars,		- - - - - - - -
June 4.	Certificate in favor	Rev. Henry W. Lee, dated May 25,	- - - - -
" 19.	" "	Rev. Charles C. Taylor, dated June 19,	- - - - -
" "	" "	Rev. Samuel Fuller, Jr. " " "	- - - - -
" "	" "	Rev. George M. Randall, " " "	- - - - -
" "	" "	Rev. Jacob Pearson, " " "	- - - - -
" "	Rodney Gove's Bill, lighting St. Paul's Church, dated May 19,		- - - -
	Balance in the Treasury, (of which, $270 is subject to the order of the donor, for aiding the erection of a Chapel, for the Boston Episcopal City Mission,		
			$3

Boston, June 19, 1839.

Errors excepted.

BENJ. P. RICHARDSON, *Trea.*

Boston, June 19, 1839.

The undersigned have examined this Account, which they find vouched, and correctly added.

WILLIAM CROSWELL, } *Audits*
BENJ. HOWARD, }

in Account with Benjamin P. Richardson, Treasurer. Cr.

1838.			
June 23.	By balance in the Treasury,		$123 07
" "	Charles Stimpson, Jr. Note, dated Dec. 21, 1837, payable in six months; given for Prayer Books,		53 33
July 9.	Mass. Episcopal Clerical Convocation, by Rev. A. L. Baury, Treasurer,		75 00
" 27.	Charles Stimpson, Jr. for use of stereotype plates of Common Prayer Book, to print 500 copies,		50 00
Aug. 8.	Monthly offerings, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, by Rev. Dr. Morse,		8 60
" 13.	Mass. Episcopal Clerical Convocation, by Rev. A. L. Baury, Treasurer,		75 00
" 21.	Charles Stimpson, Jr. Note, dated Dec. 21, 1837, payable in eight months; given for Prayer Books,		53 33
Oct. 8.	Trinity Church Missionary Association, Boston, by the Treasurer,		134 00
" 15.	Part collection at Christ Church, Cambridge,		6 00
" "	Mass. Episcopal Clerical Convocation, by Rev. A. L. Baury, Treasurer,		137 50
" 22.	Parochial and Missionary Association, Grace Church, Boston, by the Treasurer, Benj. Howard,		100 00
Nov 28.	Ladies' Circle, Grace Church, New Bedford, by Rev. Nathaniel T. Bent,		50 00
" 30.	Monthly offerings, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, by Rev. James Morse, D.D.		25 00
Dec. 2.	Collection at Public Meeting in Grace Church, Boston,		108 59
" 7.	St. Anne's Church, Lowell, by Rev. Theodore Edson,		50 00
" "	Ladies' Missionary Sewing Society, Christ Church, Cambridge, by Rev. Thomas H. Vail,		15 00
" 10.	Sewing Circle, Christ Church, Lynn, by Rev. George Waters,		10 00
" "	Additional to Collection of 2d inst., by Benj. Howard,		1 00
" 11.	" " " " by Miss Palmer,		2 00
" 19.	Mass. Clerical Convocation, by Rev. A. L. Baury, Treasurer,		80 00
" 21.	Ladies' Miss. Soc. St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, by Rev. J. Morse, D. D.		10 00
1839.			
Jan. 14.	St. Paul's Circle, St. Paul's Church, Boston, by Rev. John S. Stone, D. D.		150 00
" "	Additional to Collection of 2d ult.		2 00
" "	Monthly Concert, St. Paul's Church, Dedham, by Rev. Samuel B. Babcock,		23 55
" "	Offerings, Christ Church, Boston, by Rev. William Croswell,		70 00
" 22.	Mrs. Thomas G. Fessenden, by Benj. Howard,		5 00
Feb. 4.	Trinity Church Missionary Association, Boston, by the Treasurer,		50 00
" 5.	Monthly offerings, Trinity Church, Bridgewater, by John Edson, Treasurer,		20 00
" 7.	Married Ladies' Sewing Circle, Trinity Church, Bridgewater, by Rev. Henry Blackaller,		15 19
" "	Young Ladies' Sewing Circle, Trinity Church, Bridgewater, by Rev. Henry Blackaller,		15 84
" "	Ephraim Sprague, by Rev. Henry Blackaller,		2 00
" "	Ladies' Sewing Circle, St. Anne's Church, Lowell, by Rev. Theodore Edson,		150 00
" 8.	Collection at Lecture-Room, St. Paul's Church, Boston,		65 00
" 11.	Trinity Church Missionary Association, Boston, by the Treasurer,		100 00
" "	Two Gentlemen of Christ Church, Andover, by Rev. Thomas M. Clark,		50 00
" 21.	Monthly offering, Christ Church, Clappville, by Rev. E. A. Greenleaf,		8 00
Mar. 20.	Ladies' Sewing Circle, Christ Church, Springfield, by Rev. Henry W. Lee.		10 00
April 3.	Parochial and Missionary Association, Grace Church, Boston, by Benj. Howard, Treasurer,		100 00
" "	Daniel Basset, of Hingham,		10 00
" 19.	St. Paul's Circle, St. Paul's Church, Boston, by Rev. J. S. Stone, D. D.		75 00
" 27.	Rev. Thomas H. Vail, a Donation,		37 50
" 29.	A juvenile offering, by Master A. M. Stone,		25
May 14.	Half Sunday offerings, St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, by Edward A. Newton,		35 00
" 19.	Result of a meeting held this evening, at St. Paul's Church,—the Rev. Mr. Croswell, offering to be one of any number not less than ten, to meet the deficiency of the Board: William Appleton $50, Benjamin T. Reed $50, Henry Codman $20, Benj. P. Richardson $20, George M. Dexter $20, Jonas Chickering $20, Lucius M. Sargent $20, Frederick H. Stimpson $15, J. H. Walcott $10, Daniel Chamberlain $10, Josiah Stickney $10, Edward Blake $10, John H Blodget $5, Miscellaneous, $59 10, Rev. Wm. Croswell, one tenth deficiency, $40, Rev. John S. Stone, do. $40, Robert Farley, do. $40, Edward S. Rand do. $40, Otis Daniell, do. $40, Dr. John C. Warren do. $40,		559 10
May 24.	St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, by Rev. James Morse, D. D.		60 00
" 27.	St. Matthew's Church, South Boston, by Rev. Joseph H. Clinch,		20 00
" "	Offerings, St. James's Church, Greenfield, by Rev. Titus Strong,		10 00
" 30.	St. James's Church Miss. Association, Roxbury, by Rev. M. A. DeW. Howe,		75 00
" "	Ladies' Miss. Soc. St. Paul's Church, Dedham, by Rev. Samuel B. Babcock,		6 50
June 6.	Ladies' Sewing Society, St. John's Church, Sutton, Wilkinsonville, by Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin,		40 00
" 7.	Monthly offerings, Christ Church, Leicester, Clappville, by Rev. E. A. Greenleaf,		9 00
" 8.	St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, by William Mucnscher, Treasurer,		25 00
" 10.	Trinity Church Missionary Association, Boston,		270 00
" "	St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, by Rev. William H. Lewis,		29 00
	Parochial Missionary funds, St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls, by Rev. Alfred L. Baury,		50 00
" 11.	St. James's Church, Amesbury, by Rev. Charles T. Taylor,		21 00
" 15.	St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, by Jonathan Allen, 2d Treasurer,		40 00
" 18.	St. Mark's Church, Blandford, by Rev. Milton Ward,		3 00
" 19.	St. John's Church, Ashfield, by Rev. Jacob Pearson,		4 25
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PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Suffolk County.

Christ Church, Boston.

Baptized, 73, of whom 11 were adults; added to c
munion, 18; died, or removed, 15; present number about
Confirmed, 13. Married, 11. Buried, 31. The Sunday scl
interesting as being the first established in New England,
successful operation, under the instruction of valuable and
cient teachers, and includes, in both departments, about
scholars. The church is open for divine service three time
every Lord's day, and weekly lectures are held in the ch
adjoining. The offerings of the church and other contribu
for religious and charitable objects, including subscription
the erection of a missionary chapel, amount to 1600 dol
The church continues to flourish in a green old age, and sh
herself, in the frequent administration of baptism especially, t
still a "joyful mother of children."

WILLIAM CROSWELL, *Recto*

Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rectorship of this church being vacant, and the assi
minister, the Rev. John L. Watson, being absent on a voya
Europe, the following abstract from the parish register is pre
ed at his request. Baptisms: infants, 29; adults, 2. Pre
number of communicants, about 300. Marriages, 11. Bur
22. A flourishing Sunday school is connected with the pa
The amount of missionary and other contributions for relig
purposes is not ascertained, but is known to be large and lib

WILLIAM CROSWEL

St. Matthew's Church, South Boston.

Baptisms: infants, 32; adults, 2. Communicants: added,
died, or removed, 5; present number, 39. Confirmed,
Marriages, 3. Burials, 10. Sunday school, 70. Missio

contributions: Massachusetts Board, $20; other contributions for religious and benevolent purposes, $73.

The present Rector entered upon a temporary engagement to supply this parish exactly a year since. In the month of August he received and accepted an invitation to become their Rector, and was instituted on the 23d of the following month, by the Bishop.

In looking over the previous Journals of the Convention, it appears that no record of this parish has been inserted for the last two or three years. It therefore becomes necessary, in order that a correct estimate might be formed of the condition of the Church, to state that it has suffered difficulty and depression, and was in a languid state during the first months of the present Rector's labors.* It is with great pleasure, and he trusts with sincere thankfulness, that he is now enabled to announce a decided and encouraging change for the better. The attendance at the stated worship has been increased by the addition of from a half to two thirds of the former average. The floor pews are nearly all occupied, and those in the gallery, by a vote of the proprietors, have been declared free for one year from Easter last.

It should be mentioned that, on Easter Monday, the sum of $100 was placed in the Rector's hands, by an individual connected with the church, for assisting the Sunday school, and such other purposes as the Rector should think proper.

The utmost harmony and good feeling has marked the intercourse between the Rector and his people, and also between the various members of the parish; and there is reason to hope and believe that there is an increasing attention to the claims and duties of religion, and that the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ has not been preached in vain. Jos. W. Clinch, *Rector*.

St. Paul's Church, Boston.

Baptisms: infants, 8; adults, 3; total, 11. Communicants: added, 28; died, or removed, 35; present number, about 250. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 9. Burials, 11. Sunday schools, 1. Missionary contributions: General Board, $300; Massachusetts

* The number of baptisms recorded during the years 1836, 1837, and 1838, was 12, 13, and 10, respectively.

Board, $750; other contributions for religious purposes, $ total, $5705.

In presenting the above Report to the Annual Convention Church in Massachusetts, the Rector of St. Paul's is thankfu he is enabled to add that the spiritual condition of his parish favorable as at any previous period. The truths of the g are received with serious consideration, and bring forth, t not rapidly, yet steadily, their appropriate fruits. During th year, his parishioners have erected, at an expense of more $5000, a new and beautiful chapel in the rear of the ch and thus furnished, what they have so long needed, a commo room for their Sunday school, evening lectures, and occasional religious exercises. The advantages hence res are already apparent. The Wednesday evening lectures been well attended, since the opening of the chapel, and been listened to with marked seriousness and solemnity. of the sum reported under the head of contributions for reli purposes, it should be remarked, are included in the a there named of $4655; though it ought to be added, lik that there are considerable amounts annually raised in the for religious and benevolent objects, of which it is impossi take account, and which, therefore, are not reported to the vention.

Since the opening of the new chapel, measures have taken towards effecting a new parish missionary organizati aid of the operations of our General Board. This new orga tion has already gone into effect, and will, the Rector h doubt, draw out, more effectually than has heretofore been the missionary interest and resources of the parish.

All the candidates for confirmation, who were not previ communicants, have, since their confirmation, become such give encouraging evidence of being truly the regenerate dren of God, through faith in his Son Christ.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN S. STONE, *Rect*

Grace Church, Boston.

Baptisms: infants, 14; adults, 10. Communicants: pr number, 190. Confirmed, 35. Marriages, 14. Burials,

Sunday schools, 37 teachers; 130 scholars. Missionary contributions: General Board, $300; Massachusetts Board, $200. Other contributions for religious purposes, $500.

The condition of this parish is, in most respects, the same as reported the last year.

It is now three years since Grace Church was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, and, during this period, we have had the satisfaction to see the number of our communicants increase from about 50 to nearly 200; while not a few, who have been for a time connected with us, have been called to leave the city. One hundred and eleven have received the rite of confirmation, all of whom have at once received the communion, upon satisfactory evidence having been given of that renewal of heart which is the true test of fellowship with Christ.

The main strength of this parish, under God, consists in the fact, that a large number of active and enterprising *young men* are connected with us; about fifty of this class are in the ranks of our communicants, and a much larger number in the congregation.

We still pursue the plan of *systematic contributions* for missionary and other benevolent objects with increasing demonstrations of its efficiency, when followed with perseverance and assiduity.

The system of *monthly* contributions is the plan which prevails among the adult members of the congregation; and a convenient opportunity is offered for this purpose at the missionary meeting which is held on the first Sunday evening in each month, when the amount is deposited in the collection box, with the name of the contributor. The system of *weekly* contributions is the plan which is adopted in the Sunday school; and the support of several African children in the mission school at Cape Palmas is already provided for by these weekly collections; and it is intended to increase the number of these poor heathen beneficiaries as fast as the means from this source will allow.

THOS. M. CLARK, *Rector*.

Free Church of the Boston Episcopal City Mission Society.

Baptisms: infants, 34; adults, 2; total, 36. Communicants: added, 14; died, or removed, 10; present number, 61. Con-

liberal donations, the forwardness of one of our churches, and that one whose members are among the less affluent, Christ Church, in contributing no less a sum than $1000, with the generous offer of a site on which to erect the proposed chapel, by a member of St. Paul's Church, deserve to be particularly mentioned. It is not doubted, from the interest generally felt, that the other churches and individuals, when the object comes fully before them, will do their part toward its accomplishment. Without relying too much on outward circumstances, we cannot but rejoice in so likely a prospect, with the divine blessing, of enlarged, effective, and we hope permanent usefulness.

SAMUEL M'BURNEY, *Minister.*

Norfolk County.

Christ Church, Quincy.

Baptisms: infants, 18; adults, 0. Communicants: added, 6; died, or removed, 1; present number, 44. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 1. Burials, 13. Sunday school, 80. Missionary contributions: General Board, $20 68. Other contributions for religious and charitable purposes, $80.

During the last conventional year this parish has, on the whole, continued prosperous. Although our number is small, and the real friends of the church but few, and their means of supporting the gospel very limited, yet I am confident that no parish in the diocese has done more, according to their means, than this. The heavy debt that has long been depressing the parish, through the exertions of a few individuals, is now nearly paid off, and the religious state of the society is fast improving. I have usually preached three times on every Lord's day, besides attending lectures and prayer-meetings weekly, in different parts of the parish. We have a Bible class, and a very interesting Sabbath school, well supplied with able teachers. Our congregation is increasing; a number of respectable families and individuals have recently taken pews in the church, and more are expecting soon to unite with us. In taking a review of the past year, it becomes our mournful duty to notice the death of Capt. Smith, who has long been a faithful friend and generous patron of this society.

before; the congregation is much larger than in former
more money has been raised than in any previous year; g
unity exists; responses are better sustained; missionary
ings are more fully attended. The Episcopal Church in De
we trust, will soon become a fruitful branch of the Vine.
the Head of the church speed the day! Amen.

S. B. Babcock, *Minis*

Essex County.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Baptisms: infants, 14; adults, 1. Communicants: add
died, or removed, 4; present number, 95. Confirmed, 8.
riages, 4. Burials, 15. Sunday schools: pupils, 70. Miss
contributions: General Board, $10; Massachusetts Board,
Other contributions for religious purposes, $70.

The state of this church is much as formerly. A few fa
have removed from town, and about double that number bee
ed to the congregation. Seasons of refreshing are conside
experienced each Lord's day from the word of God, the
ment of the sanctuary, and the songs of the sweet singer of

James Morss, *Rec*

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Baptisms: infants, 6; adults, 4. Communicants: adde
died, or removed, 8; present number, 96. Confirme
Marriages, 7. Burials, 8. Sunday school, teachers, 14; sc
100. Missionary and other charitable contributions, $475.

The state of this parish, during the past year, has been pr
ous, both in a temporal and spiritual point of view.

The congregation has steadily increased, and for a few r
past quite an unusual degree of seriousness has been mani

Charles Mason, *Rec*

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Baptisms: infants, 17; adults, 8; total, 25. Communi
added, 11; died, or removed, 0; Present number, 100.

firmed, 17. Marriages, 9. Burials, 22. Sunday schools: teachers and scholars, 120.

This church has never been in a more prosperous condition since the present Rector has been acquainted with it. Several additions have been made to our communion, and a number of those recently confirmed are preparing to join at the next opportunity. The congregation is steadily increasing, the weekly lecture well attended, and frequent meetings for prayer are sustained by the members of the church. We have abundant cause for thankfulness to God, that the reviving influences of his Spirit have not been withheld. WILLIAM H. LEWIS, *Rector*.

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

Baptisms: infants, 4; adults, 2. Communicants: added, 3; removed, 2; present number, 30. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 0; Burials, 12. Sunday school: teachers, 10; scholars, 58. Missionary contributions: General Board, 0; Massachusetts Board, $21. Other contributions for religious purposes, $25.

The religious services, in addition to the usual services on Sunday, have been a Bible class, once a week during about half the year; meetings for prayer and the communication of missionary intelligence on the first Monday evening of every month, and religious services with preaching on every evening during Passion week. Since the last Convention, the church has been removed and placed on a lot of land purchased for that purpose. A small but excellent organ, from the organ manufactory of Mr. Richard Morss, Newburyport, has recently been purchased for the use of the church, price $350. The society cannot increase without a larger house: if we had a third more pews they would all be rented. So far as punctual attendance at church, an apparent devout attention to the services, increase of numbers, an increased attachment to the true apostolic church, and peace and unity of spirit, are indications of the divine blessing, we have, during the past year, received the blessing of the Lord. CHARLES C. TAYLOR, *Minister*.

Christ Church, Andover.

Baptisms: infants, 7; adults, 3. Communicants: added, 11; died, or removed, 2; present number, 43. Confirmed, 10. Mar-

This church still gives encouraging prospects of success. If it does not show that degree of strength indicated by the statistics of some others, a comparison of the present and former years will indicate progress. Our congregation has increased, the number of additional seats taken being nearly one third more than that of last year. The Bible class, the monthly missionary concert of prayer, the Ladies' Missionary Association and Sewing Circle, the Saturday evening meeting for communicants, very frequent parochial visitations, have all been put in requisition with as much faithfulness and regularity as providence would permit, for the prosperity of the church. A third service on Sunday evening was sustained once in two weeks through the winter.

That this parish labors under pecuniary embarrassments at home, we wish those to bear in mind who are called upon to contribute somewhat for its present support abroad; yet the present ratio of increase and the circumstances of the place certainly promise that it may, and will ere long be able to stand upon its own foundation; and shall it not be the more induced, by remembrance of kindness received, to impart again of its own unto the destitute, to do as it has been done by? Such is the economy of Christian benevolence. GEORGE WATERS, *Minister.*

Middlesex County.

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

Baptisms, 14: infants, 9; adults, 5. Communicants: added, 25; died, 5; removed, 1; present number, 119. Confirmed, 19. Marriages, 3. Burials, 17. Sunday school: scholars, 150; teachers, 25, — 12 male and 13 female. Missionary contributions, $100: General Board, $30; Massachusetts Board, $70. Other contributions for religious and benevolent purposes: Bishop's fund, $30; temperance society, $22 27; sewing circle, $50; Sunday school society, $43 10; miscellaneous, $47 30; — total, $292 67.

In the spiritual and temporal condition of this parish, there is much cause for gratitude and praise to Him from whom all blessings flow.

No apparent diminution of sensibility to things of eternal mo-

Our Sunday school labors have been continued with increasing effect and satisfaction. An additional school-house has been erected at an expense of about three hundred and fifty dollars, so that our operations now comprise an infant Sunday school, one school for large children, and one for still more matured minds. Of the sixty-eight that have been added to the communion, more than one half were connected with the Sunday school, either as teachers or as pupils, and may be considered, in a greater or less degree, the fruits of the devoted labors of faithful teachers and superintendents. Catechizing has been attended to with a growing conviction of its great utility and importance. These important and interesting exercises have been held from house to house, in larger social circles, and publicly in the sanctuary.

The interest in the missionary cause is gaining strength; contributions have been larger the past year than before; regular meetings are held, and a very valuable course of lectures are in the process of delivery, one each month, by the Rev. Mr. Fuller, of Andover, which are of the most useful character.

The Bishop has visited us, and administered confirmation twice, with better effect, as we have reason to believe, than if that service had been delayed, and administered to the whole at once.

On the whole, we have abundant occasion to acknowledge, with great gratitude to the Giver of every good gift, the divine blessing upon the ministrations of his word and on the labors of his people. THEODORE EDSON, *Rector*.

Hampshire County.

St. John's Church, Northampton. *

Baptisms: infants, 3; adults, 2. Communicants: added, 5; died, or removed, 3. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday school, 24.

This church, contrary to the uniform practice for a number of years, has been kept open through the winter; and, contrary to general expectation, the attendance has been invariably good.

We are now making a decided effort to relieve the church of

* This report was received after the rising of the Convention.

a debt so small, that its long continuance is alone matter of
prise. We are not without hope of final success. The
grant us, through the aid of the benevolent, a happy deliver
from our present difficulties! D. S. Devens, *Ministe*

Plymouth County.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

Baptisms: infants, 1; adults, 0. Communicants: added
died, or removed, 0; present number, 40. Confirmed, 0.
riages, 4. Burials, 1. Sunday school: teachers, 13; scho
80. Missionary contributions: General Board, 0; Massachu
Board, 0. Other contributions for religious purposes, $29 1

Five months of the past year, this church has been withc
minister; during which time, it has been closed, excepting
Sunday, when the Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Amesbury, offici
The Rev. Mr. Appleton resigned the parish last November
the undersigned entered upon his duties the first Sunday
Easter. Our Sunday services are well attended in ple
weather, the usual congregation being about 250; but our
ple do not join in the responses so generally as we could
The church needs some repairs and alterations, particular
the pulpit and reading-desk; and, as we wish to "let *all t*
be done decently and in order," the parish are devising way
means to make necessary repairs, and to have the church pa
and carpeted, which we are encouraged to hope will be ac
plished the present season. The zeal of our ladies, in prom
the welfare of the church, is worthy of commendation; and
efforts afford us much encouragement. Brotherly kindness
charity still prevail in the church and parish. Divine Provid
continues to smile upon us; and we have abundant reaso
thank God and take courage.

Elezer A. Greenleaf, *Ministe*

Trinity Church, Marshfield.

Divine service is held in this church the last Sunday in
month. This parish is very small, and I have not ascerta
the precise number of communicants; it is probably not

than eight or ten. But, though few in numbers, the people there appear to be intelligently and ardently attached to the principles of the Church, and engage in the services "with the spirit and the understanding also." They very much need the constant labors of a faithful clergyman, and would cheerfully minister to his necessities to the extent of their ability. We commend this little flock to the great Shepherd of Israel, and to the friends of the Church in this diocese.

ELEZER A. GREENLEAF, *Minister.*

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

Baptisms: infants, 3; adults, 8;—total, 11. Communicants: added, 20; died, 1; present number, 46. Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 0. Burials, 3. Sunday school: teachers, 9; scholars, 57. Missionary contributions: Massachusetts Board, $53. Contributions for other religious purposes, about $45.

Through the goodness of God, the past conventional year has been peculiarly propitious to our Zion. The month following our last report, the Convocation met in our parish, and, by its impressive exercises, greatly added to the religious sensibility that had been prevailing. The four following months were months of awakening interest, by the spectacle of grace triumphing over sectarian prejudice, Christian indifference, and hearts before unrenewed. So happy a testimony to the word of his grace induced both the parish and myself to believe that God had smiled on the relation which had been recently formed; coincident with which individuals, Christians of other denominations, who could not be prevailed upon before to unite with the church, on account of the unsettled character of the ministry, now came forward, and, with several others, were on Tuesday, the 30th October, admitted to the holy rite of confirmation; at which time also I was instituted, our Rev. brother of Lowell preaching the institution sermon. The 30th December following, we had occasion to send a second time for our venerable diocesan, when seven others were added to the church. It gives me pleasure to state that, since then, three others have given satisfactory evidence of a renewal of heart; and, at the present moment, we have many promising indications of a work of grace among us. By these acquisitions, the parish, in the opinion of

Bristol County.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

Baptisms: infants, 32; adults, 0. Communicants: added, 12; died, or removed, 6; present number, 50. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 5. Burials, 7. Sunday school: scholars, 110; teachers, 17. Contributions for religious purposes, $366 36.

Independently of the above statistical report, the Rector of St. Thomas's, Taunton, has little to say, on account of his having only taken charge of the parish at Easter last. Besides the usual services of Sunday, we meet once during the week for public worship. A Bible class, and meeting of the Sunday school teachers, is also held weekly, and extremely well attended, whilst the number, both of scholars and instructors, has been considerably increased.

Accessions have been made to the Ladies' Sewing Circle, the meetings of which are regularly held, and become increasingly interesting; added to which, the number of those who frequent our sanctuary is much larger than has been usual.

We feel these circumstances to be truly encouraging, and, in humble dependence on the favor of Almighty God, we trust that they will prove eventually to have been the precursors of the firm establishment of the church in this place, rendered important as it is, both by its locality and other circumstances.

The first ripple of the deep, as its glassy surface is kissed by the rising breeze, is not more grateful to the long becalmed mariner, than is the increased manifestation of zeal among us, to those who have long prayed for the prosperity of our Zion.

EDMUND NEVILLE, *Rector.*

Grace Church, New Bedford.

Communicants: added, 3; removed, 2; present number, 40. Sunday school: teachers, 16; scholars, 111.

On taking charge of this parish, at Easter, from which time this report is of course dated, I found it in rather a depressed condition, from the fact that it had been for some months deprived of the care of a settled minister, and was burdened with a heavy debt. This condition of the parish was, however, entirely temporary. Three weeks had hardly elapsed, before a subscrip-

tion of $7020 was raised for the liquidation of all outsta debts, besides the sum of $80 for other purposes; making, $7100. Our Sunday school is looking well, and our cong tions have been steadily and very decidedly on the increase

When we remember how much this parish has done in past, and that the heavy subscription just raised has come, the exception of a very small amount, from the immediate bers of the parish, their liberality cannot but be regard worthy of all praise. Much remains yet to be done; but God of all grace vouchsafe his blessing, and make our ze the spiritual prosperity of the church commensurate with which has been manifested for its external prosperity, we sh a highly favored people.

In looking back through the records of this parish, I find since its establishment, 40 communicants have been lost by or removal, and twenty-five families by removal. Had been for losses like these, it would have numbered, by this a large congregation and communion.

THEO. WM. SNOW, *Minist*

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

Baptisms: infants, 8. Communicants: added, 8; remove present number, 36. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 1. Buria Sunday schools, 1: scholars, 95; average attendance, abou teachers, 16, — 7 males, and 9 females, — with a superinten librarian, and secretary. The library contains 110 volu added, the past year, 68 volumes. Contributions for the Su school library, $20; Easter collection, $5; weekly offering

Immediately after my ordination, which took place i Mark's Church, in Warren, R. I., on the 17th of last July, tered upon my duties in this place. The parish, having without the services of a minister for several months, had be much diminished; but, with a praiseworthy zeal, a goodly nu of the more devoted continued to meet regularly on Sun when one of their number acted as lay reader. Since the mencement of my ministrations in this place, the congreg has considerably, though very gradually, increased. We tinue to hold our services in the town-house, for which w required to pay an annual rent of $52. The seats are ver

comfortable, and the room quite inconvenient in many other respects; however, we are thankful for even such accommodations.

We are now making efforts to erect a church edifice. Toward this object we have already obtained upwards of $2000. The subscriptions in this village amount to about $1000, which I hope will yet be increased to $1500. This sum, with the aid of our brethren from abroad, will, we trust, enable us to build and to pay for a small, plain church, at a cost of about $3500. We have already purchased a lot, and have contracted for a part of the materials for building the church. It is to be built of unhewn granite, and to contain about 60 pews. Our purpose is to build it entirely by subscription, so that when finished, all the pews will be the property of the corporation; a portion of which are to be annually let for the support of the parish; the remainder (some of which are to be as eligible as any in the house) are to be reserved for *free* seats. By thus renting a portion of the pews for the support of the minister, the parish will soon be enabled to dispense with some of the aid now generously afforded by the Board of Missions.

The people of this parish are attached, with an enlightened zeal, to our beloved Zion, and are truly anxious to behold its walls permanently reared among them. Fall River is unquestionably among the most important places in the diocese for establishing the church; and I doubt not that, with the blessing of the great Head of the church, it will ere long become a large and flourishing parish, if, in the trying days of its infancy, it be cheerfully supported with a liberal hand.

Our Sunday school is flourishing. It is divided into 16 classes. The recitations of the young ladies' Bible class are heard by the minister, who conducts the general exercise, and closes the school. The lessons for most of the year past have been the Gospel for the day; a portion of the time has been devoted to the study of the church catechism, in which the scholars are frequently examined. On Sundays we have the usual services, and, during a part of the year, I have held a third service in the evening.

On Tuesday evening, I meet an adult Bible class, which is open to all the members of the congregation. There are *three* sewing circles connected with the parish, composed of matrons,

cannot be duly understood except by one who has encou them; yet he who sows with weeping may sow in hope seed long buried in the earth may one day bring forth frui everlasting life.

The subscriber may be permitted to acknowledge the kin which has been shown him by the members of other commu and the assistance, of course unsolicited and unexpected, he has received from them. May the time soon come, wh who profess and call themselves Christians shall hold the fa unity of spirit and in the bond of peace.

MILTON WARD, *Minist*

Christ Church, Springfield.

Baptisms, 0. Communicants: added, 4; died, or rem 2; present number, 25. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 1. Bu 2. Sunday school: teachers, 6; scholars, 30. Contributi Massachusetts Board of Missions, $10. Other contributior religious purposes, such as furnishing Sunday school library Easter collection, $30.

The undersigned commenced his labors in this parish on day, the 28th of October last, and he is happy to be able to r a most encouraging state of things among his people. Pre efforts for the establishment of our services had been ma various times, but circumstances rendered them ineffectua should, however, be stated, for the encouragement of missic operations, that some of the encouraging features in the p are undoubtedly the consequence of those former efforts.

When the present attempt was commenced, there were circumstances which induced the friends of the church to d the aid of the Board of Missions in procuring a clergyman. aid having been promptly granted by the Board, they have gaged in the new enterprise with a most commendable zeal energy. Being aware, from past experience, of the need church edifice, and feeling warranted, by the increased anc creasing interest in the services of the church, to go forwa an attempt to supply this deficiency, a subscription has bee some months in circulation; and such has been the succes tending it, that a very eligible lot has been purchased, the tract for the building of the church has been made, and the

is now in progress. The edifice is to be of wood, in a style as nearly Gothic as is consistent with the material. It will probably be completed early in the coming winter. In the mean time the congregation will continue to worship in the town-hall, where the services have hitherto been held. We doubt not that in a reasonable time they will be able to sustain the services without missionary aid.

The attendance on the services is far more encouraging than the most sanguine anticipated. The number of families belonging to the parish is from thirty to forty. Many young persons are becoming interested in the church, which circumstance is one of the surest pledges of our success. The Sunday school, which has been but recently formed, it is hoped will be much increased. The ladies of the parish have formed a sewing society, and accomplished much. Their main object at present is to procure funds for furnishing the church, though they have contributed a small sum to the Missionary Board. After the completion of the church, the avails of their labor will be devoted to missionary purposes.

A weekly lecture is held at private dwellings in the various parts of the parish, and the usual festivals and fasts of the Church have been observed. On the 1st of May we were visited by the Bishop, who preached twice, and administered the rite of confirmation. His presence and labors with us afforded much encouragement to us in our efforts. Though the number confirmed was small, it is cheering to know that there are others in the congregation whose hearts have been touched by the truth as it is in Jesus, and who, we trust, will ere long confess Christ before men.

We would labor and pray that this interesting church may lay its foundation firmly on the Rock Christ Jesus, and that it may grow up a spiritual temple filled with the Holy Ghost.

HENRY W. LEE, *Minister*.

Franklin County.

St. James's Church, Greenfield.

Baptisms: infants, 4; adults, 0. Communicants: added, 2; died, or removed, 4; present number, 73. Confirmed, 2. Mar-

riages, 3. Burials, 12. Sunday school, 60. Missionary
tributions: General Board, $60; Massachusetts Board,
Other contributions for religious purposes, $110.

The condition and prospects of this parish are not essen
changed since the last reports. The salary of the Rect
raised by the yearly rent of pews, and the amount the pr
year exceeded that of the last year by nearly $100.

The services of the Rector have been continued as in fo
years; and the union and peace of his people remain undi
ished and undisturbed by any of the exciting and dividing t
of the day. T. Strong, *Rect*

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

Communicants: added, 1; present number, 33. Marriag
Burials, 5. Sunday school scholars, 30. Missionary con
tions: Massachusetts Board, $4 41. Other contributions, $3
total, $7 81.

The general condition of this parish has not materially cha
during the past year. Two services have uniformly been
tained in the church on Sunday, and occasionally a third, in
of the school-houses; and, within the week, frequently one
sometimes two lectures have been held in different dist
The church is apparently gaining friends, and a little stead
from the Missionary Board, to whose fund she has invariably
tributed in due proportion to her means, would relieve her
great discouragement, and do much to hasten the period o
ability to sustain herself. Jacob Pearson, *Rect*

Berkshire County.

St. Paul's Church, Otis.

Communicants: added, 1; present number, 14. Marriag
Burials, 4. Sunday school, 35. Missionary contributions:
sachusetts Board, $6. Other contributions for religious purp
$21.

The Episcopal congregation at this place is larger this se
than it has been heretofore, and a deeper interest is manif
in the concerns of the church. Our mode of worship is evid
gaining upon the feelings of the people. We have atte

"hearers of the word," and some, we trust, are truly desirous to know what they shall do to work the works of God. Though the heart bows reluctantly to the name of Jesus, and our progress has been slow, yet we have reason to think that progress has been made. Into his hands who alone can make his people willing in the day of his power, we would commit ourselves, in humble dependence upon the controlling and protecting influence of the Spirit of all might and grace.

ETHAN ALLEN, *Minister.*

Trinity Church, Lenox.

Communicants: added, 1; present number, 32. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. Families, 22. Removals, 2.

This church has been destitute of ministerial services for the whole of the past year, with the exception of a few Sundays. The Rev. Mr. Chapman, now missionary in Texas, officiated two or three Lord's days, and two neighboring clergymen one day each; on one of which the Lord's Supper was administered, and devoutly and thankfully received. The members of this parish, under all the discouraging circumstances in which they have been placed, during the past and former years, still abide firm in their attachment to the Church, to whose institutions they have long adhered. They are ready to impart cheerfully of their substance, according to their ability, for the support of constant ministrations. But such a favor they cannot expect, without the assistance of those of their brethren who enjoy the blessings of which they have long been deprived; and they request the prayers of their brethren, that the providence of God may open the way for supplying their spiritual necessities, in sending them a pastor after his own heart. They respectfully commend their case to the consideration and favor of the Board of Missions for the Church in this Commonwealth.

RICHARD PARKER, }
SILAS EDDY, } *Wardens.*

**St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.*

Baptisms: infants, 2. Communicants: added, 2; died, or removed, 2; present number, 64. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 2.

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* This report was received after the rising of the Convention.

Burials, 6. Sunday school, 50. Missionary contributions sachusetts Board, $13 50. Other contributions for religio poses, $66 50.

Although no important additions have been made to th munion of this church during the past year, neverthele believed that it has not deteriorated, either in numbers, o spiritual character. The usual ministerial services hav performed; and the congregation, which a few years sin the smallest, is now the largest in town. The Bible class Sunday school are unusually interesting the present seas promise much to the cause of piety and the church. Co tions to the amount of eighty dollars have been made for re purposes, and funds raised to a much larger amount for th eral objects of Christian benevolence. On the whole, this is as flourishing as at any former period.

SAMUEL B. SHAW, *Re*

St. James's Church, Great Barrington.

Baptisms: adults, 1. Communicants: added, 2; died, moved, 1; present number, 104. Confirmed, 1. Marria Burials, 1. Sunday school, 90.

The connection between the undersigned and the parish Thomas's Church, Taunton, was dissolved by mutual con the 1st November, 1838. From that time until Easter, 18 was without parochial charge, but officiated frequently parishes of his brethren in Roxbury, Dedham, Bridgewat Hanover. At Easter of the present year, he was chosen of St. James's Church, Great Barrington, and began his la that parish on the 21st April. The connection having th isted only about two months, he is, of course, obliged to re the Convention the *beginnings* rather than the *results* of se

The parish has two houses of worship: the *church* in t lage of Great Barrington, and the *chapel* at Van Deusenv the north part of the town. From the erection of the cha 1829, until the settlement of the present minister, the officiated in each of these houses, on alternate Sundays. the time of the last Easter meeting, it had come to be generally felt, that it was absolutely necessary that the in the village of Great Barrington should be open every S Accordingly it was proposed, at that meeting, to see if th

part of the parish could raise money enough to have preaching in the church all the time, and, to their own surprise, they found that they could raise it easily. And the people in the north part of the parish have since ascertained that they can raise money enough to have preaching in the chapel half the time. This, then, is the present situation of our affairs. The undersigned has the pastoral care of the whole parish, but preaches only in the church, excepting when the communion is to be administered at the chapel; and the Rev. Mr. Parker, of Stockbridge, has consented, to the great satisfaction of the undersigned and of all concerned, to officiate, for the present, every Sunday morning, at the chapel.

The good effect of having service regularly at the church is already in some degree apparent, particularly in the Sunday school, which is now twice as large as it was when it could meet only once a fortnight. The Rector feels greatly indebted to the superintendent and teachers, for the zeal and promptitude with which they have seconded his efforts in this most interesting department of Christian labor. We have two schools: that at the church, numbers 18 teachers, and 90 scholars. The one at Van Deusenville, not yet fully organized for the want of books, will probably number about 30 scholars.

The Ladies' Sewing Society has been revived. It consists, at present, of 38 members; and having plenty of work, and an evident good will to do it, will doubtless accomplish something worth remembering, and worth reporting, in the course of the year. Measures have also been taken to engage the whole congregation systematically in works of Christian benevolence.

The parish has great capabilities for improvement and usefulness. It abounds with materials for erecting a spiritual temple to the glory of divine grace. May he, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, without whom the builder's labor is in vain, fitly frame us together, and build us unto a holy temple in the Lord, for a habitation of God through the Spirit.

S. HASSARD, *Rector.*

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

Baptisms: infants, 11. Communicants: added, 11; removed, 9; present number, 64. Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1

Sunday schools: scholars, 30; teachers, 8. 1 Bible 10 members. Missionary contributions: General Board, Massachusetts Board, $75. Other contributions for re purposes: Convention fund, $9; Sunday school, $21 54;- $390 54.

The condition of this church remains much the same as time of the last report. As heretofore, removals from the and of the members of the communion, have caused a dim of numbers, which have not been replaced by an equal r of additions. While it may be feared that the spirit world occupies too large a place in the minds of some o who have put on Christ by baptism, and profess to comme his love in the holy supper, there is gratifying reason to that the great majority of those professing godliness are ad that profession by steadfast and increasing piety. Thou have of late come to the solemn feast, as new converts faith of the gospel, there is still a decided encouragement belief that there is a large proportion of the followers of t deemer who are reaping much benefit from the word pre and are bringing forth fruit unto eternal life.

The church was opened for weekly lectures during the of Lent, but no lectures have been preached elsewhere as fore. The Bible class has been continued for the greater the year, and is now receiving the improvement of the usual of instruction. In addition to the collections which hav made, contributions have been given to the American Society. The amount of them is not known.

EDWARD BALLARD, *Re*

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

Baptisms: infants, 1. Communicants: died, or remov present number, 19. Confirmed, 2.

The condition of this parish is what might be expected small village in which the majority are Congregationalist where, from health, and other circumstances the mini obliged to give the greatest part of his time to a school. M the few members of the communion are serious people. congregations in summer vary from 100 to 150, and in diminish one half. Divine worship is conducted in an acc

and will be transferred to a more commodious room in a town-house, which is to be built this summer. The subscriber has held service and preached or read a sermon once every Sunday for the year past, with the exception of about six; on three of which he supplied destitute or vacant churches in the neighborhood. He has done all h's strength would permit. But he concurs entirely in the opinion, expressed by the Bishop in his last annual report to the Convention of the Eastern Diocese, that the temporal and spiritual prosperity of this church needs the full services of a faithful clergyman.

SAMUEL P. PARKER, *Minister.*

To the RT. REV. ALEXANDER VIETS GRISWOLD, D. D. *Bishop of the Eastern Diocese:*

Since the last meeting of this Convention, I have performed divine service, and preached regularly twice, (with two exceptions,) on the Lord's day, till November last, from which time a third service and sermon has not been once omitted. My congregation comprises a part of my scholars, and all who, disconnected with any established religious society, have become interested in the liturgy and doctrines of the Church by providentially worshipping with us. Many have thus become so interested in our devotions and preaching, that their presence and responses have always animated me in the work of the Lord. With much assurance do I hope that, truly born again of the Spirit, they will, by their service for Christ, richly reward me for my labors, and "shine as stars in my crown of rejoicing."

Beside the services on Sunday, the fasts and festivals have been observed, a regular weekly lecture on Thursday evenings, and monthly missionary meetings.

In the Sunday school are 22 scholars, 4 teachers, a secretary, librarian, and superintendent.

In my classical school are young men who have, for more than two years, been thoroughly instructed in the elements of the Latin and Greek languages, and they are now commencing a course of philosophical studies. One of this class has always attended divine service, and is superintendent of the Sunday school.

WILLIAM COOK.

Salem, June 18th, 1839.

To the Rt. Rev. Alexander Viets Griswold, D. D., *Bishop of the Eastern Diocese:*

The undersigned, in accordance with the canon for this purpose, respectfully begs leave to report to the "ecclesiastical authority of this diocese," that he has since receiving it performed the following services:

Read prayers and preached.—St. James's Church, Amesbury, 11 times: St. Paul's, Newburyport, 5 times: Christ Church, Lancaster, 4 times: St. John's Church, Portsmouth, twice: Dedham, 16 times: assisted in administering the holy communion twice.

Having learned that there was an opportunity for introducing the services of the Church at Ipswich, I, on the 25th of April, commenced laboring there under circumstances extremely encouraging. Not a family of Episcopalians could be found residing in the endeavor.

The proprietors of the "First Independent Congregational Meeting-House" very kindly granted the use of their house, free. A pretty good congregation was immediately obtained. A lady, providentially present from one of the "Provinces," enabled me at once to introduce the full services of the Church.

We have been gradually gaining ground from the first. The proprietors of the house which we occupy have freely granted the Board of Missions of this State exclusive possession for the period of two years, provided regular services are sustained.

I believe that I may now depend upon 20 families for regular attendance. My congregation varies from 50 to 150 individuals. A Sunday school, with 17 scholars, has been organized; also a class of adult catechumens. A sewing society, for the aid of the church, is also in successful operation.

Farther than as above stated, our external progress has been small. The congregation is at present unacquainted with the Church, and wish time for deliberation. On this account, it has not been thought proper, for the present, to ask pledges for any amount toward the support of a minister.

There is an universal attention manifested during the preaching of the word, and an apparent seriousness in uttering the responses. I believe that I am therefore authorized to hope that the divine Spirit will grant his accompanying blessing.

May God smile upon us, and enable us, before all other things, to "seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

June 19, 1839. FREDERICK AUGUSTUS WADLEIGH.

*Mission. Nantucket.**

Baptisms: infants, 10; adults, 11; — total, 21. Communicants: added, 7; removed, 1; present number, 15. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3. Sunday school: children, 70; teachers, 8. Families, 70.

The above is a correct return of my parochial duties, and of the state of my mission, from the period of my former report to the Convention up to the present time; in addition to which I have to remark, that I have great reason to be thankful that God has sustained me, and that, amidst many discouragements, he has graciously blessed my feeble efforts. The services of our church, up to the very time when the erection of a more appropriate edifice for the worship of Almighty God made it necessary that we should, for a season, forego them, have been well attended: I trust they have not only been fully appreciated, but made useful to very many, and may ultimately tend to the building up of a spiritual household unto Christ. The visit of our venerable Diocesan, last autumn, to Nantucket, and his judicious advice to my people not to build beyond their means, must be regarded as highly instrumental in the accomplishment of this important design, for, whilst his presence made a most lively impression in favor of the church, his candor and sincerity testified his willingness to promote its interests, and his determination, so far as he was able, to sustain its cause. As our church, then, is now incorporated, and, I hope, will be received into union with this Convention, my missionary connection with Nantucket must soon terminate; but I pray that it may long be known, not only by the title of the Church of the Holy Trinity, but by its members being found sound in the faith, and fruitful in every good word and work. Our new church, which will be a neat Gothic structure, capable of holding 5 or 600 persons, will be ready for consecration in a few weeks, when it is hoped the friends of our communion will endeavor to rejoice our hearts by their presence

* This report was received after the rising of the Convention.

among us. Of our Sunday school, I have to remark it pr great things for the church: children instructed in our s have not unfrequently interested their parents, and hav brought them to the house of prayer. It is contemplated, over, to effect a general system of religious education f children of the parish,—a duty to which Churchmen should indifferent; for, whilst others are on the alert, and have schools in accordance with their distinctive principles, it do bespeak our wisdom or our zeal to be found supine or indi in regard to this matter. With reference to the number of lies I have returned as belonging to my church, and wh some, may appear incredibly large, I would explain tha are not all families containing several individuals, but so them only a single person; any one individual, whether m or single, adult or infant, with whom I have any pastoral co tion, I consider as belonging to my flock, and makes my co *one*, the same as would a family, containing eight individu also counted as one; but the aggregate number of souls of I have the spiritual charge may be computed at 400. were, for the most part, when I came to the island, like wandering into devious paths; they have been, however, ga from brakes and precipices, and brought into a secure and pasture. What cause for rejoicing that God has done so for his heritage! may the same mind be in us that was in Jesus; may we have grace to persevere unto the end, kn that he *is* faithful who has promised to be with his churc people. Though feeble the instrument, yet mighty is h worketh in us, and thus, hereafter, may this little flock bec great fold, protected and nourished by him who is the Shepherd, and who lay down his life for the sheep.

MOSES MARC

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That a committee, to consist of two bers, be appointed, to report at the afternoon se what business remains to be transacted by the Conve

Whereupon the Rev. Messrs. Baury and Strong appointed said committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to reassemble at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

St. Paul's Church, Wednesday, June 19.

At 3 o'clock, P. M. the Convention assembled, pursuant to adjournment. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Griswold having taken the chair, the Convention was declared open for business.

The Rev. Mr. Edson asked and obtained leave of absence for Mr. Hanscom, a delegate from St. Anne's Church, Lowell, during the remainder of the session.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Edson,

Resolved, That, with regard to those parishes from which no reports have been received, the Secretary be instructed to insert in the tabular abstract of Parochial Reports the number of communicants, and the number of Sunday school members, from estimates based on the latest reports received, modified by such facts as may come to the knowledge of the secretary, distinguishing such estimated items from those reported.

The committee chosen at the last annual Convention to acquaint the Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., of his election to the office of assistant bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that Dr. Potter found himself obliged to decline the appointment.

A communication was laid before the Convention by the secretary from the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of New Hampshire, asking the consent of this body to withdraw from the Eastern Diocese.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Goodwin,

Resolved, That the same be granted.

A similar commission was also presented and read, from the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maine, and, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Goodwin,

Resolved, To comply with their request.

The Secretary laid before the Convention the follo document, from the Convention of the Protestant Ep pal Church of Rhode Island:

Westerly, R. I. June 12, 18

The following resolution was passed at our late annual mee

"On motion, *Resolved*, That the secretary be directe transmit to the secretaries of the Conventions of Maine, Hampshire, and Massachusetts, the following preamble resolution, passed at the special Convention of this dioce August, 1838."

"Whereas the resolution passed at the late annual Conve that this State withdraw from its connection with the Ea Diocese, is inconsistent with the declaratory clause, and th article of the Constitution of the Church of this State, there

Resolved, That said resolution be, and it is hereby declar be, null and void."

Extracts from proceedings of Conventions.

Attest, JAMES PRATT,

Secretary of Convention of R.

The Rev. Dr. Morss, from the committee of nom tion, returned the names of the following gentlemen:

For Standing Committee.—The Rev. Messrs. Cros Clark, and Watson, of the clergy; Messrs. Sohier, Rich son, and Howard, of the laity.

Delegates of the General Convention. — The Messrs. Strong, Stone, Goodwin, and Morss, of the cle Messrs. Newton, Tuckerman, Crocker, and Robbins, of laity.

Board of Missions.— Rev. Messrs. Baury, Croswell, Clark, of the clergy; Messrs. Howard, Richardson, Rand, Jr. of the laity.

Trustees of the Society for the Relief of Widows Children of Deceased Clergymen. — The Rev. Me Morss, Boyle, and Croswell, of the clergy; Messrs. Tuc man, Walker, and Howard, of the laity.

The third Wednesday of June, at 9 o'clock, A. M

Grace Church, Boston, as the time and place for the next annual Convention to assemble.

Preachers, — the Rev. Mr. Clark, the Rev. Mr. Watson his substitute.

Benjamin P. Richardson, Esq., having declined serving on the standing committee the ensuing year, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the name of Robert Farley, Esq., be substituted for that of Mr. Richardson, on the nomination for standing committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, To accept the Report as amended.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Croswell,

Resolved, To dispense with balloting in these elections.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be increased to eight members.

Whereupon, after nomination, the Rev. Dr. Stone's, and the Rev. Mr. Edson's names were added, to supply the deficiency in the report of the nominating committee.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Morss,

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to these several elections.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were respectively declared duly elected.

Standing Committee.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. William Croswell,	William D. Sohier, Esq.,
Rev. Thomas M. Clark,	Benjamin Howard, Esq.,
Rev. John L. Watson,	Robert Farley, Esq.

Delegates to the General Convention.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. John S. Stone, D. D.,	Edward A. Newton, Esq.,
Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin,	Edward Tuckerman, Esq.,
Rev. James Morss, D. D.,	Edward H. Robbins, Esq.
Rev. Titus Strong,	Samuel L. Crocker, Esq.

Board of Missions.

Rt. Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D., ex officio Presid

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Alfred L. Baury,	Benjamin Howard, Esq.,
Rev. William Croswell,	Benjamin P. Richardson, E
Rev. Thomas M. Clark,	Edward S. Rand, Jr., Esq.
Rev. John S. Stone, D. D.,	
Rev. Theodore Edson,	

Trustees of the Society for the Relief of Widows and Chi of Deceased Clergymen.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. James Morss, D. D.,	Edward Tuckerman, Esq.,
Rev. Isaac Boyle, D. D.,	Lynde Walter, Esq.,
Rev. William Croswell,	Benjamin Howard, Esq.

The third Wednesday of June, at 9 o'clock, A. M., (Church, Boston, was appointed as the time and plac the next annual Convention to assemble.

The Rev. Thomas M. Clark to preach the Conve sermon. The Rev. John L. Watson, substitute.

Leave of absence was granted Benjamin Howard, of Grace Church, Boston, Daniel Bassett, Esq., of St drew's Church, Hanover, and Dr. Thayer, of St. I Church, Dedham, for the remainder of the session.

The Rev. Dr. Boyle presented his account as Trea to the Convention, which was referred to Benjamin H ard, Esq., as auditing committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Croswell,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to elec nomination, a treasurer for the year ensuing.

Whereupon the Rev. Isaac Boyle, D. D., having nominated and voted for, was declared reëlected.

On motion of the secretary,

Resolved, To accept the treasurer's account, and it be printed with the journal.

Dr. **Convention of Protestant Episcopal Church, in account with Isaac Boyle, Treasurer.** **Cr.**

1838.			
June 21.	To amount paid the following gentlemen for travelling expenses, by order of Convention, viz.:		
	Rev. Jacob Pearson, voucher No. 1,		10 00
	Rev. Titus Strong, " " 2,		10 00
	Rev. Messrs. Shaw & Gilbert, " 3,		20 00
	Rev. Milton Ward, M. D., No. 4,		10 00
	Rev. Ethan Allen, No. 5,		10 00
	Rev. Edward Ballard, No. 6,		10 00
	Rev. E. A. Greenleaf, No. 7,		5 00
	Rev. Charles C. Taylor, No. 8,		3 50
" 24.	Paid Mr. I. W. Ingraham's bill for disbursements on account of Massachusetts Episcopal Sunday School Society, interest included, No. 9,		6 66
July 27.	" Torrey & Blair's bill, printing Journal, No. 10,		110 85
Aug. 27.	" Rev. Dr. Anthon, by Rev. A. L. Baury, for proportion of contingent expenses due the General Convention, No. 11,		25 50
Sept. 3.	" Rev. T. Edson, for travelling expenses to General Convention, No. 12,		25 00
	" Rev. Wm. Croswell, for travelling expenses to General Convention, No. 13,		25 00
" 5.	" Rev. H. Blackaller for travelling expenses to State Convention, No. 14,		2 00
Dec. 28.	" Mr. C. Stimpson, for freight of Journals of General Convention, No. 15,		1 00
1839.			
June 11.	" Mr. J. B. Dow's bill, printing circulars, No. 16,		3 50
" 19.	" copying Records of Convention for 1838, No. 17,		15 00
" "	" sundry postages of Secretary and Treasurer,		1 37
" "	" balance transferred to new account,		220 60
			$514 98

1838.		
June 20.	By balance of old account,	$286 48
"	amount received of the following churches:	
Aug. 3.	St. Peter's Church, Salem,	12 00
1839.		
April 8.	St. Paul's, Newburyport,	10 00
June 13.	Christ Church, Boston,	15 00
" 19.	St. Matthew's, South Boston,	6 00
	St. Thomas's Taunton,	15 00
	St. Anne's, Lowell,	15 00
	St. James's, Greenfield,	6 00
	Christ Church, Andover,	9 00
	St. James's, Amesbury,	5 00
	St. Paul's, Boston,	37 50
	St. James's, Great Barrington, for 1838 and 1839,	13 50
	Trinity Church, Bridgewater,	4 50
	Christ Church, Cambridge,	5 00
	St. Peter's, Salem, (1839,)	12 00
	St. James's, Roxbury,	18 00
	Grace Church, Boston,	15 00
	Trinity Church, Boston,	30 00
		$514 98

Boston, June 19, 1839.

Errors excepted.

ISAAC BOYLE, *Treasurer.*

Boston, July 23, 1839.

The undersigned has examined the foregoing account, and finds the same properly vouched, and correctly added.

BENJ. HOWARD, *Auditor.*

The following churches are necessarily reported as having omitted to comply with the requisition of the Canon of 1838, viz.: St. Paul's, Dedham; St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls; St. John's, Wilkinsonville; St. Andrew's, Hanover; St. Michael's, Marblehead; St. Luke's, Lanesborough; St. Mark's, Blandford, and Christ Church, Quincy.

A desultory conversation having taken place on subject of adopting efficient measures towards the reli widows and children of deceased clergymen, on motic Rev. Dr. Morss,

Resolved, That the same be referred to the truste that society, with instructions to report to the next an Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Edson,

Resolved, That at the next and each subsequent n ing of this Convention, the regular alms and oblation taken during the customary administration of the communion, and passed to "*the Trustees of the So for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Dece Clergymen;*" and it is deemed proper that allusio made to the subject in the convention sermon.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Strong,

Resolved, That the secretary and treasurer be a c mittee for publishing the journal, and that they cause hundred copies to be printed, and distributed as usual

The committee on business calling for the actio this Convention, made a verbal report, which was cepted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Morss,

Resolved, To dispense with reading the minutes of Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Babcock,

Resolved, That after the Bishop shall have pronou the benediction, this Convention adjourn *sine die*.

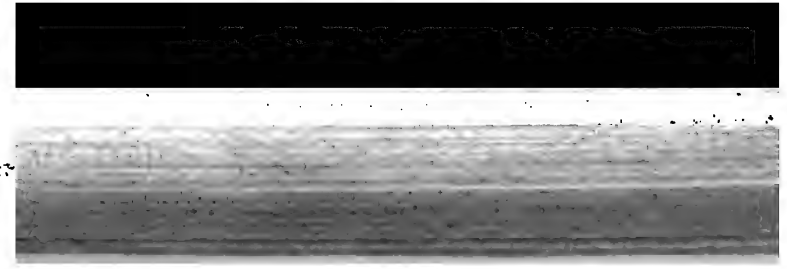
Attest,

ALFRED L. BAURY,

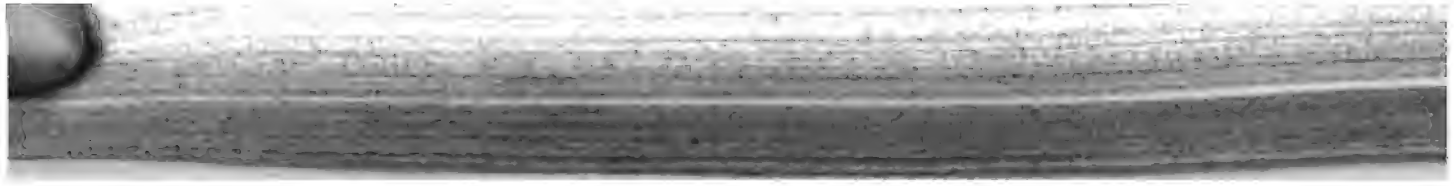
Secretary of the Conven

On the evening preceding the meeting of the Con tion, divine service was held in Grace Church; the Professor Hackly, late of the New York University, r

ing prayers, and the Rev. Mr. Lee of Springfield preaching the sermon. Wednesday morning, at six o'clock, there were religious services in the chapel of St. Paul's Church. At eight o'clock, P. M., after the adjournment of the Convention, the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts held a public meeting in St. Paul's Church. After appropriate devotional exercises by the Rev. Mr. Randall, of Fall River, addresses were delivered by the Rev. Dr. Morss, of Newburyport, Rev. Mr. Lee, of Springfield, the Rev. Mr. Strong, of Greenfield, and the Rev. Mr. Blackaller, of Bridgewater. The exercises were closed with prayer and the benediction by the Rev. Mr. Croswell, of Boston.



APPENDIX.



ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.....JUNE, 1830.

Counties.	Towns.	Churches.	Ministers.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Catechumens.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Sch. Scholars.	Missionary Contributions.		Other contributions for religious purposes.
				Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					Gen'l Board.	Mass. Board.	
Suffolk	Boston	Christ	William Croswell	62	11	73	18	15	175	13	11	31	300	†	†	†
		Trinity	John L. Watson	29	2	31	†	†	300	†	11	22	¶	‡		73 00
		St. Matthew's	Joseph H. Clinch	32	2	34	17	5	39	12	3	10	70	0	20 00	
		St. Paul's	John S. Stone, D. D.	8	3	11	28	33	250	14	9	11	¶	300 00	750 00	4655 00
		Grace	Thomas M. Clark	14	10	24	†	†	190	35	14	21	130	345 00	200 00	500 00
		Free Church	Samuel McBurney	34	2	36	14	10	61	9	4	24	170	10 00	5 00	51 00
Norfolk	Quincy	Christ	Calvin Wolcott	18	0	18	6	1	44	4	1	13	80	20 68		80 00
	Dedham	St. Paul's	Samuel B. Babcock	5	1	6	6	3	40	3	4	3	35	0	30 05	§
	Roxbury	St. James's	M. A. DeW. Howe	24	1	25	23	21	92	9	1	13	90	175 25	75 00	†
Essex	Newburyport	St. Paul's	James Morss, D. D.	14	1	15	9	4	95	8	4	15	70	10 00	121 00	215 71
	Salem	St. Peter's	Charles Mason	6	4	10	16	8	96	10	7	8	100	†	†	†
	Marblehead	St. Michael's	William H. Lewis	17	8	25	11	0	100	17	0	22	120	†	†	†
	Amesbury	St. James's	Charles C. Taylor	4	2	6	3	2	30	2	0	12	58	0	21 00	25 00
	Andover	Christ	Samuel Fuller, Jr.	7	3	10	11	2	43	10	1	9	55	9 43	50 00	60 00
	Lynn	Christ	George Waters	1	4	5	11	2	53	6	0	3	40	10 00	15 00	60 63
Middlesex	Cambridge	Christ	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	141	*	*	*	30	*	*	*
	Lowell	St. Anne's	Theodore Edson	57	16	73	68	22	221	61	10	31	556	109 00	150 00	600 00
	Hopkinton	St. Paul's	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Newton L. Falls	St. Mary's	Alfred L. Baury	10	5	15	25	6	119	19	3	17	150	30 00	70 00	120 00
Hampshire	Northampton	St. John's	David B. Devaus	3	2	5	5	3	116	†	1	1	24	†	†	†
Plymouth	Hanover	St. Andrew's	Elezer A. Greenleaf	1	0	1	0	0	40	0	4	1	80	†	†	29 15
	Marshfield	Trinity	Elezer A. Greenleaf	†	†	†	†	†	10	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
	Bridgewater	Trinity	Henry Blackaller	3	8	11	20	1	46	18	0	3	57	†	53 00	45 00
Bristol	Taunton	St. Thomas's	Edmund Neville	32	0	32	12	6	50	3	5	7	110	†	†	366 36
	New Bedford	Grace	Theodore S. Snow	†	†	†	3	2	40	†	†	†	111	†	†	†
	Fall River	Ascension	George M. Randall	8	†	8	8	1	36	2	1	3	95	†	†	30 00
Worcester	Clapville	Christ	John T. Sabine	†	†	†	†	†	25	†	2	†	30	†	†	†
	Wilkinsonville	St. John's	Dan'l L. B. Goodwin	10	5	15	5	2	61	2	4	1	100	30 00	40 00	94 32
Hampden	Springfield	Christ	Henry W. Lee	0	0	0	4	2	25	4	1	2	36	†	10 00	30 00
	Southwick		Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Blandford	St. Mark's	Milton Ward, M. D.	†	3	3	4	3	4	5	1	1	†	†	3 00	6 60
	Greenfield	St. James's	Titus Strong	4	0	4	2	4	73	2	3	12	60	60 00	10 00	110 00
Franklin	Montague	Trinity	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Ashfield	St. John's	Jacob Pearson	†	†	†	1	†	33	†	7	5	30	†	4 41	3 40
	Otis	St. Paul's	Ethan Allen	†	†	†	1	†	14	†	3	4	35	†	6 00	21 00
		Trinity	Vacant	†	†	†	1	†	32	†	2	1	†	†	†	†

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT, AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1837.

Church.	Place.	Minister.	Baptisms.		Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Schools.*	Missionary Contributions.		Other contributions for religious purposes.
			Infants.	Adults.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					General Board.	Mass. Board.	

N. B. It is expected that the clergyman will make such observations as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish and of his ministerial services during the past year.

* Under this head it is desirable that the number of members should be stated.

Canon of 1828,

Respecting Contingent Expenses.

It shall be the duty of every parish in this State, after t
of January, 1829, to raise and send to the Treasurer
Convention, to defray the contingent expenses of the Ch
this State, a sum of money annually, which shall be as m
one per centum and one half of one per centum on the sa
its minister: and those parishes which are destitute of a
man, and which are represented by lay delegates in the C
tion, shall pay at least five dollars annually, or send a c
copy of a vote that they are unable to pay the same; and
be the duty of the Treasurer to certify, in his annual repo
parishes have neglected to comply with the requisitions
Canon. The money thus raised and paid into the treasur
Convention shall be subject to appropriation by a majority
votes of the standing committee, or of such committee a
be appointed by the Convention; and the following appro
shall always be deemed proper, viz.: to pay the travelli
penses of the Bishop to this Convention; to pay the travelli
penses of such clerical members of the Convention as
afford to pay the same, not exceeding ten dollars to any
man in one year; to pay the travelling expenses of the c
delegates to the General Triennial Convention, not exc
twenty-five dollars to each clerical delegate; to pay to th
gates of the Church in this State to the General Conventio
sums as shall enable them to pay the quota assessed
several churches in this State by each General Conventi
the contingent expenses thereof; and to pay for publishi
journals of this Convention, and such other publications a
be published by order of this Convention; and every paris
be entitled to five copies, at least, of every publication pri
order of the Convention.

Canon of 1835,

On the mode of securing an accurate view of the state of the Church from time to time.

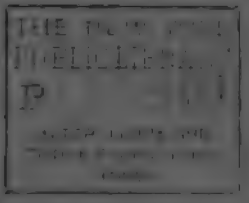
Section 1. As a full and accurate view of the state of the Church, from time to time, is highly useful and necessary, it is hereby ordered that every minister of this Church shall present, or cause to be delivered, on or before the first day of every annual Convention, to the Bishop of the diocese, or, where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and funerals, and of the number of communicants in his parish or church, and of all other matters that may throw light on the state of the same; and these parochial reports, or such parts of them as the Bishop shall think fit, shall be read and entered on the journals of the Convention. And every other clergyman not regularly settled in any parish or church, shall also report to the ecclesiastical authority of his diocese the occasional services he may have performed; and, if he have performed no such services, the causes or reasons which have prevented the same.

NOTICE.

The next Annual Convention of the Protestant copal Church of Massachusetts will be held in Church, Boston, on the *third Wednesday* of June, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

ALFRED L. BAURY,
Secretary of the Conv

Newton Lower Falls, June, 1839.



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LIST OF THE CLERGY

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JUNE, A. D. 1840.

The Rt. Rev. ALEXANDER VIETS GRISWOLD, D. D. Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, Boston.

The Rev. ETHAN ALLEN, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Otis.

The Rev. SAMUEL B. BABCOCK, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

The Rev. EDWARD BALLARD, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

The Rev. HENRY H. BATES, Deacon, officiating in St. Mark's Church, Blandford.

The Rev. ALFRED L. BAURY, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

The Rev. NATHANIEL T. BENT, Rector of St. John's Church, Charlestown.

The Rev. HENRY BLACKALLER, Rector of Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

The Rev. JOHN L. BLAKE, D. D. residing in New York.

The Rev. ISAAC BOYLE, D. D. Treasurer of the Convention, occasionally officiating, Boston.

The Rev. THOMAS M. CLARK, Rector of Grace Church, Boston.

The Rev. Joseph H. Clinch, Rector of St. Mat
Church, South Boston.

The Rev. William Cook, Deacon, teaching a sch
Salem.

The Rev. William Croswell, Rector of Christ C
Boston.

The Rev. David L. Devens.

The Rev. Theodore Edson, Rector of St. Anne's C
Lowell.

The Rev. Francis A. Foxcroft.

The Rev. Samuel Fuller, Jr. Rector of Christ C
Andover.

The Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin, Rector of St.
Church, Wilkinsonville.

The Rev. Elezer A. Greenleaf, Rector of S
drew's Church, Hanover, and Trinity Church, N
field.

The Rev. Samuel Hassard, Rector of St. James's C
Great Barrington.

The Rev. Nicholas Hoppin, Minister of Christ C
Cambridge.

The Rev. Mark A. D'W. Howe, Rector of St. Ja
Church, Roxbury.

The Rev. Thomas B. Lambert, Chaplain in the U
States Navy.

The Rev. George Leeds, Deacon, officiating in S
ter's Church, Salem.

The Rev. Daniel Leach, Principal of the Lati
English High School, Roxbury.

The Rev. Henry W. Lee, Rector of Christ C
Springfield.

The Rev. William H. Lewis, Rector of St. Mic
Church, Marblehead.

The Rev. Samuel M'Burney, Minister of a Free C
and City Missionary, Boston.

The Rev. CHARLES MASON, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem.

The Rev. JAMES MORSS, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

The Rev. EDMUND NEVILLE, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

The Rev. SAMUEL P. PARKER, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge, and Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

The Rev. JACOB PEARSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Ashfield.

The Rev. GEORGE M. RANDALL, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

The Rev. SAMUEL B. SHAW, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough.

The Rev. EDWARD J. STEARNS, Deacon.

The Rev. JOHN S. STONE, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's Church, Boston.

The Rev. THEODORE W. SNOW, Rector of Grace Church, New Bedford.

The Rev. TITUS STRONG, D. D. Rector of St. James's Church, Greenfield.

The Rev. CHARLES C. TAYLOR, Minister of St. James's Church, Amesbury.

The Rev. JAMES H. TYNG, Principal of a Female Seminary, Philadelphia.

The Rev. FREDERICK WADLEIGH, Deacon, officiating in Ipswich.

The Rev. MILTON WARD, M. D.

The Rev. GEORGE WATERS.

The Rev. JOHN L. WATSON, Assistant Minister on the Greene Foundation, Trinity Church, Boston.

The Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, Rector of the School of Moral Discipline, South Boston.

The Rev. WILLIAM WITHINGTON, Deacon, Minister of Christ Church, Clappville.

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Boston, June 17, A. D. 1840.

THIS being the time and place appointed for holding the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, the Right Rev. the Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, with several clergymen and lay delegates, assembled in Grace Church at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Bishop having taken the chair, a list of the Clergy entitled to seats was called by the Secretary, when the following appeared and answered to their names:

Rt. Rev. ALEXANDER VIETS GRISWOLD, D. D.
ex officio, PRESIDENT,

Rev. Samuel B. Babcock,	Rev. Henry W. Lee,
" Edward Ballard,	" William H. Lewis,
" Alfred L. Baury,	" Samuel M'Burney,
" Nathaniel T. Bent,	" James Morss, D. D.
" Henry Blackaller,	" Edmund Neville,
" Isaac Boyle, D. D.	" Samuel P. Parker,
" Thomas M. Clark,	" Jacob Pearson,
" Joseph H. Clinch,	" George M. Randall,
" William Croswell,	" John S. Stone, D. D.
" Theodore Edson,	" Theodore W. Snow,
" Samuel Fuller, Jr.	" Titus Strong, D. D.
" Daniel L. B. Goodwin,	" Charles C. Taylor,
" Elezer A. Greenleaf,	" Frederick Wadleigh,
" Mark A. D'W. Howe,	" John L. Watson,
" Nicholas Hoppin,	" Calvin Wolcott,
" George Leeds,	" William Withington.

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton. William Muenscher, Samuel L. Crocker.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell. Elisha Huntington, M. D.* William Patch,* Moses Branch.

Christ Church, Andover. Nathaniel Frye,* Charles Barnes.

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville. Abraham Chase, Seth Hartwell.*

St. James's Church, Amesbury. Randall B. Blasdell, Moses Carter, M. D.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport. Eliphalet Emery, Samuel Phillips, Moses Merrill.*

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to the choice of a Secretary.

The Bishop appointed John Edson, Esq. to collect and count the ballots, who reported the whole number to be twenty-two, twenty of which were for the present incumbent.

Whereupon the Rev. Alfred L. Baury, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower-Falls, was declared re-elected Secretary of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massachusetts, for the year ensuing.

On motion,

Resolved, That there be added to the standing rules of order an invitation to all clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not members of the Convention, and theological students of the same who may be present, to attend the sittings of the Convention. The rules of order were then read ; when the following gentlemen, not members of the Convention, appeared and took their seats :

The Rev. Charles Burroughs, D. D. Rector of St. John's Church, Portsmouth, N. H.

The Rev. George T. Chapman, D. D. Rector of Grace Church, Newark, N. J.

The Rev. Addison Searle, of the Diocese of Mi
Chaplain in the United States Navy, officiating at t
vy Yard, Charlestown, Mass.

The Rev. Josiah M. Bartlett, of the Diocese of C

The Rev. Francis A. Foxcroft, of Massachusetts

The Rev. Milton Ward, M. D. of Massachusetts.

The Rev. George Waters, of Massachusetts.

The Rev. Edward J. Stearns, Deacon, of Mass.

The Rev. William Horton, Rector of St. John's C
Dover, New Hampshire.

The Rev. Nathaniel S. Richardson, Rector of
Church, Watertown, Connecticut.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now attend pub
ship, to assemble again immediately after the same
body of the church.

Morning service was then celebrated by the Rev
Morss, D. D. of St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, t
George M. Randall, of the Church of the Ascensi
River, reading the lessons, and the Rt. Rev. Dr. G
performing the ante-communion service. The
was preached by the Rev. Thomas M. Clark, of
Church, Boston; text from the Gospel according
Matthew, twenty-eighth chapter, twentieth verse
I am with you alway, even unto the end of the wor

The Bishop then admitted Mr. Edward D. Putn
New Hampshire to the holy order of Deacons. T
didate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Burroughs, a
Bishop assisted in the administration of the Lord's
by the Rev. Dr. Morss.

After the congregation had retired, the Rt. R
Griswold took the chair, and the Convention proce
business. The Standing Committee then presen
following Report:

In conformity with the requisitions of the eighth articl
Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Massa

the Standing Committee beg leave to report to the Convention their proceedings during the last year.

The Committee have held regular monthly meetings, and several special meetings: they have granted the canonical testimonials, at the following times, in favor, respectively, of the following applicants, namely:

1839. *July* 16. The Rev. Edmund Neville, Deacon, minister of St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, applying for admission to Priests' orders; and Samuel Goodale, a student in the General Theological Seminary, applying for recommendation as a candidate for orders.

August 1. The Rev. Jas. B. Goodwin, Deacon, of Virginia, canonically resident in this Diocese, applying for admission to Priests' orders.

Sept. 9. The Rev. Henry W. Lee, Deacon, minister of Christ Church, Springfield, applying to be admitted to the order of Priests.

Sept. 30. Henry H. Bates, transferred from the Diocese of New York, applying to be admitted to the order of Deacons; a dispensation having been granted by the Bishop of this Diocese, agreeably to section 7 of Canon IV, of 1838.

1839. *Oct.* 7. The The Rev. George M. Randall, Deacon, minister of the Church of the Ascension, Fall River, applying for admission to Priests' orders.

Nov. 4. Edward I. Stearns, lately a minister or licentiate of the Congregational denomination, and William Augustus White, of Boston, applying for recommendation as candidates for holy orders.

1840. *March* 2. Alexander Crummel, lately of the Diocese of New York, applying for admission as a candidate for orders.

March 6. The Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Carolina, requesting the consent of the Standing Committee of this Diocese to the consecration of the Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Bishop elect of the Diocese of South Carolina.

April 6. Ambrose P. Merrill, lately a minister of the Methodist denomination, applying for admission as a candidate for holy orders.

May 4. The Rev. Samuel P. Parker, Deacon, minister of St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge, applying to be admitted to Priests'

of the heart, and as imposing upon the professed disciples of Christ increased obligations to extend, by all the means in their power, the kingdom of the Redeemer, and imparting the blessings of the gospel to the spiritually destitute. At no time does the voice of religion sound more sweetly, or come home to the soul with more of power, than in the dark season of worldly adversity. The occasion seems to be afforded, by an all-wise and merciful Creator, for the zealous and ready embrace of his people, — an occasion which, on their part aptly and faithfully employed, may become the source of reciprocal blessings to themselves and the objects of their bounty, and may eventually illuminate the gloomy scene of earthly distress with the warm sunshine of evangelical love.

The receipts of the year amount to $2275 86, which have been appropriated to sustaining the following parishes: — St. Paul's Church, Otis; Trinity Church, Bridgewater; St. John's Church, Northampton; Christ Church, Andover; Christ Church, Springfield; Church of the Ascension, Fall River; St. James's Church, Amesbury; St. Mark's Church, Blandford; Christ Church, Lynn; the new congregation at Ipswich; and that organized at Charlestown by the style of St. John's Church; — in all, eleven. Some of these parishes have required, at the outset, a considerable outlay; but several of them will soon, it is hoped, be able not only to dispense with assistance, but to aid the Board in introducing the Church into other quarters.

The Board are greatly encouraged, in looking back upon the progress of the Church in the Commonwealth for the last two years, and are led to expect still more for the future. In the providence of God, our affairs appear to be assuming a brighter aspect under its instrumentality. And if we feel full confidence that the Church of our love is built upon the true foundation, adheres faithfully to the doctrines of Christ and his apostles, retains in their purity the institutions and ordinances originally established by divine authority, possesses a ministry transmitted to us by an unbroken succession from the days of the apostles to the present time, and consequently is in every respect identified with that great spiritual society to which Christ has promised his

perpetual presence and protection, we cannot doubt of a from above, in our endeavors to maintain and extend ence. Blessed with a large portion of the means for th plishment of this object, and possessing a full share of t and intelligence of the community, a great responsibi upon the possessors of these advantages, and calls for and united application of them; and especially at a ti the religious community was never more laid open t incursions of heresy in its mildest forms.

The Board would call particular attention to the mi careful statistical tables prepared by the Treasurer, and ed with this Report; showing at a glance the source receipts, and the number of the churches who have co to its funds. They believe the remark in our religious cal respecting this statement to be important, — that it appearance annually will do as much as any thing to ac by degrees what the Board has so much at heart, — s contributions on the part of the parishes.

It will be seen, by this abstract, how many of the have contributed to the funds of the Board, and to wh Gratifying as the contributions have generally been, it feared that the importance of combined efforts is still undervalued, and that of systematic contributions is not ly appreciated. Those parishes who have introduced th monthly or weekly collections can testify, from experie beautifully and effectually it works, and how many a s has been heretofore regarded as stony ground may be yield, by God's blessing on this husbandry, some thir sixty, some an hundred fold.

It is the want of some such plan of systematic contribu cripples the energies of the Church, and prevents her taining and extending, as she otherwise might, her nob prises at home and abroad. As was observed in the last year, the exigencies of the Board were then strong and reiterated, and, so to speak, spasmodic effor city churches, and by circulars to the clergy throug Diocese. And though our liabilities at the time were vided for, yet the members of the Church were distinctl

that the same system of raising funds for the future could not be relied on, and that the community would not bear to have such appeals too often renewed.

The Treasurer's Report justifies the prediction. Public meetings and addresses, and frequent circulars have been feebly responded to, and the chief dependence of the Board has been on those parishes, small and poor, as well as rich and large, in which provision has been made for acting on the apostolic plan of Christian charity by regular and frequent contribution. There is, however, and ever must be, until this plan universally prevails, a considerable deficiency; and, unless supplies are raised at once, both the Board and its missionaries will be constantly disheartened with the prospect of all the consequences of an empty Treasury.

To avoid the mortification and distress likely to result from these deficiencies, the Board would ask again for the action of the Convention. In the last Report it was requested that this body would decide whether some systematic plan for the raising of funds should be adopted; but the Convention adjourned without considering the subject. That recommendation is now once more respectfully renewed, and it is suggested whether a canon, like that in some other Dioceses, might not be profitably adopted, requiring every congregation to make an annual remittance, in some shape or other, to the objects of the Board.

The complete success which has followed the efforts to establish the Church at Springfield under the auspices of the Board, would abundantly compensate for much greater sacrifices. Two years have not yet elapsed since the faithful missionary commenced his labors there, and already a neat and beautiful edifice has been erected and consecrated, a congregation of great respectability, in point of numbers and influence, collected, and every thing promising the highest spiritual and temporal prosperity.

Nearer to our own doors is an instance of still more signal and encouraging success. The long-cherished object of the establishment of our Church in the populous and neighboring town of Charlestown, too long delayed, was commenced in earnest on the first of January last. The result has already realized our most sanguine expectations. Under the judicious, energetic, and well-

The Treasurer, in addition to his regular account current, presents a tabular view of the Churches in the Diocese of Massachusetts, and the sources from whence the receipts have been derived since his Report of June, 1839.

Amesbury,	St. James's Church,	Rev. Charles C. Taylor,	$11 00
Andover,	Christ "	" Samuel Fuller, Jr.	9 03
Ashfield,	St. John's "	" Jacob Pearson,	
Blandford,	St. Mark's "	" Henry H. Bates,	5 00
Boston,	Christ "	" William Croswell,	100 00
"	Grace "	" Thomas M. Clark,	200 00
"	St. Matthew's "	" Joseph H. Clinch,	9 50
"	St. Paul's "	" John S. Stone, D. D.	568 12
"	" "	Individuals,	100 00
"	Trinity "	Rev. John L. Watson,	325 00
"	Mission "	" Samuel McBurney,	5 00
"	School of Moral Disc.	" E. M. P. Wells,	
"		Prayer Books,	64 00
"		Miscellaneous,	147 83
Bridgewater,	Trinity Church,	Rev. Henry Blackaller,	50 00
"		Individual,	3 00
Cambridge,	Christ "	Rev. Nicholas Hoppin,	20 56
Charlestown,	St. John's "	" Nathaniel T. Bent,	
Dedham,	St. Paul's "	" Samuel B. Babcock,	
Fall River,	C'h of the Ascension,	" George M. Randall,	26 49
Great Barrington,	St. James's Church,	" Samuel Hassard,	
Greenfield,	" "	" Titus Strong, D. D.	
Hanover,	St. Andrew's "	" Elezer A. Greenleaf,	
Hopkinton,	St. Paul's "		
Ipswich,		" F. Augustus Wadleigh,	
Lanesborough,	St. Luke's "	Samuel B. Shaw,	
Leicester, (Clappville,)	Christ "	" William Withington,	3 50
Lenox,	Trinity "		
Lowell,	St. Anne's "	" Theodore Edson,	320 00
Lynn,	Christ "	" F. W. I. Pollard,	5 00
Marblehead,	St. Michael's "	" William H. Lewis,	3 81
Marshfield,	Trinity "	" Elezer A. Greenleaf,	
Nantucket,	" "	" Moses Marcus,	
New Bedford,	Grace "	" Theodore W. Snow,	50 00
Newburyport,	St. Paul's "	" James Morss, D. D.	35 00
Newton L. Falls,	St. Mary's "	" Alfred L. Baury,	80 00
Northampton,	St. John's "	"	
Otis,	St. Paul's "	" Ethan Allen,	
Pittsfield,	St. Stephen's "	" Edward Ballard,	75 00
Quincy,	Christ "	" Calvin Wolcott,	12 00
Roxbury,	St. James's "	" M. A. D'W. Howe,	
Salem,	St. Peter's "	" Charles Mason,	17 02
Springfield,	Christ "	" Henry W. Lee,	20 00
Stockbridge,	St. Paul's "	" Samuel P. Parker,	
Sutton, (Wilkinsonville,)	St. John's "	" Daniel L. B. Goodwin,	15 00
Taunton,	St. Thomas's "	" Edmund Neville,	25 00
36 cities and towns.	41 churches.	39 clergymen.	$2275 86

in Account with Benjamin P. Richardson, Treasurer. Cr.

1839.			
June 19.	By balance from old account,		$415 84
" "	Thomas S. Fullerton,		3 00
" 24.	Christ Church, Lynn, by Rev. George Waters,		5 00
" 29.	James M. Allen & Co. sales of Prayer Books,		64 00
Aug. 9.	Rev. Wm. Croswell, offerings of Christ Church, Boston,		50 00
" 12.	Rev. Samuel M'Burney, collections monthly missionary meetings of Boston Episcopal City Mission,		5 00
Sept. 24.	St. Anne's Church, Lowell, by Rev. Theodore Edson,		220 00
Oct. 11.	Ladies' Sewing Circle, Christ Church, Clappville, by Rev. J. T. Sabine,		3 50
" 27.	Collection general meeting at St. Paul's Church,		58 00
" 30.	Parochial and Missionary Association Grace Church, Boston, by B. Howard, Treasurer,		100 00
Nov. 6.	St. Matthew's Church, Boston, by Rev. Joseph H. Clinch,		9 50
" 8.	William Appleton,		100 00
" 11.	"A Friend," "towards the establishment of an Episcopal Seminary," to be held in trust for that object, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold,		50 00
" 21.	Monthly offerings, Trinity Church, Bridgewater, by John Edson,		12 50
Dec. 16.	Christ Church Missionary Society, Boston, by E. W. Goddard, Treasurer,		50 00
" 24.	St. Paul Circle, St. Paul's Church, Boston, by Rev. John S. Stone, D. D.		160 00
1840.			
Jan. 7.	Female Missionary Society, St. Anne's Church, Lowell, by Rev. T. Edson,		100 00
" 13.	Weekly offerings, Church of the Ascension, Fall River, by R. M. Batt, Secretary,		11 00
" 16.	Monthly offerings, Trinity Church, Bridgewater, by John Edson,		12 50
Feb. 5.	Missionary Association, Trinity Church, Boston, by the Treasurer,		150 00
" 10.	St. Peter's Church, Salem, by Rev. George Leeds,		17 02
" 11.	Miss. Ass. St. Paul's Church, Boston, by Charles H. Parker, Treasurer,		68 12
" "	Benjamin P. Richardson, interest on $100, received Feb. 11, and $170, June 10, per last year's account, from Miss. Ass. Trinity Church, Boston, for building a chapel for Boston Episcopal City Mission,		12 83
" 25.	Christ Church, Springfield, by Rev. Henry W. Lee,		11 00
Mar. 16.	St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, by Rev. William H. Lewis,		3 81
" "	Missionary Association, St. Paul's Church, Boston, by Charles H. Parker, Treasurer,		300 00
" 23.	Ladies' Association, Grace Church, New Bedford, by Rev. T. W. Snow,		50 00
" 31.	St. Paul Circle, St. Paul's Church, Boston, by Rev. John S. Stone, D. D.		40 00
Apr. 14.	St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls, by Rev. Alfred L. Baury,		50 00
" 20.	Trinity Church, Bridgewater, by Rev. Henry Blackaller,		12 50
" 28.	Christ Church, Springfield, by Rev. Henry W. Lee,		9 00
" 29.	Missionary Association, Trinity Church, Boston, by the Treasurer,		175 00
May 13.	Christ Church, Quincy, by Rev. Calvin Walcott,		12 00
" 20.	Sunday offerings, St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, by Jonathan Allen, 2d, Treasurer,		35 00
" 28.	Ephraim Sprague, Bridgewater, "the tithe of a lot of onions raised last year," by the Rev. Henry Blackaller,		3 00
June 4.	Contributions, St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, by Jonathan Allen, 2d, Treasurer,		40 00
" 9.	Contribution, Christ Church, Cambridge, by Rev. Nicholas Hoppin,		20 56
" 12.	St. Thomas's Church, Taunton, by Rev. Edmund Neville,		25 00
" 15.	Parochial and Missionary Association, Grace Church, Boston, by B. Howard, Treasurer,		100 00
" 17.	St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, by Rev. James Morse, D. D.		35 00
" "	Church of the Ascension, Fall River, by Rev. George M. Randall,		15 49
" "	Trinity Church, Bridgewater, by Rev. Henry Blackaller,		12 50
" "	St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville, by Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin,		15 00
" "	Collection,		94 00
" "	St. James's Church, Amesbury, by Rev. Charles C. Taylor,		11 00
" "	Christ Church, Andover, by Rev. Samuel Fuller, Jr.		9 63
" "	St. Mark's Church, Blandford, by Rev. Henry H. Bates,		5 00
			$2,691 70

Boston, June 17, 1840.

Errors excepted.

BENJ. P. RICHARDSON, *Treasurer.*

Boston, June 17, 1840.

This account has been examined by the undersigned, and found correct.

T. EDSON, }
B. HOWARD, } *Committee.*

The Committee to whom was referred the appl from Charlestown reported by their chairman, th Dr. Stone, that written evidence has been laid them, agreeably to the fourth article of the Consti subscribed by the Wardens and Vestry, that they a organized by the name of St. John's Church, and to the Constitution and Canons of this Church.

Whereupon,

Resolved, That this report be accepted, and th John's Church, Charlestown, be admitted into unio this Convention.

A certificate, appointing Lay Delegates to atten Convention, having been presented and read, the ing gentlemen appeared and took their seats as De from St. John's Church, Charlestown: Messrs. S Whitmore, Jr. Andrew J. Lock, and Joshua Bates,

On motion,

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of Missi referred to a Committee of three.

The Rev. Mr. Edson, the Rev. Mr. Croswell, and th Dr. Strong, were appointed to compose this Commi

On motion,

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of thi vention be holden on the *second* Wednesday of Ju Christ Church, Springfield, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

On motion,

Resolved, That the second article of the Constitu the Church in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts altered that the word "*second*" be substituted word "third" in the second line of said article.

This resolution, agreeably to the tenth article Constitution, was referred to the action of the next Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to r this church at half past 3 o'clock this P. M.

Adjourned accordingly.

Grace Church, Wednesday, June 17,
half past 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

Convention reassembled, pursuant to adjournment.

The Right Rev. Dr. Griswold having taken the chair, the roll was called, and the Convention declared open for business.

Leave of absence granted Edward A. Newton, Esq. a lay Delegate from St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield, and to Dr. Moses Carter, a lay Delegate from St. James's Church, Amesbury, for the remainder of the session.

The Bishop called for the reading of Parochial Reports, here inserted, in pursuance of Canon VII, sec. 1, of the General Convention.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Suffolk County.

Christ Church, Boston.

Baptisms, 40: infants, 36; adults, 4. Communicants: added, 22; died, or removed, 18; present number, about 175. Confirmed, 20. Marriages, 16. Burials, 14. Sunday schools, 2: scholars, 200; teachers, 20. Missionary contributions: offerings of the church, $450. Other contributions for religious purposes, $300. W. Croswell, *Rector.*

Trinity Church, Boston.

Baptisms, 31: adults, 3. Communicants, about 300. Confirmed, 17. Marriages, 11. Burials, 12. Sunday schools, 1:

from the parish to the Boston Episcopal City Mission are included in the amount under the head of the Massachusetts Board, as being their most proper place of classification, although they did not pass through the treasury of that Board. The whole amount of contributions from the parish to religious objects has been sensibly lessened by the weight with which the commercial embarrassments of the country have fallen on its members.

The usual weekly evening lectures of the parish have been sustained, and a course of lectures on Confirmation has been delivered. The exercises of the Sunday school have been more than usually interesting; and some cases of addition to the communion from among its members have happened. In connection with the Sunday school are three Bible classes for larger scholars and for adults, — about 30 pupils. These have been of important service to those who have attended them. There has been an encouraging interest in the means of grace manifest among the members of the parish, which has not yet ripened into the fruits of a Christian life; though farther confirmations and additions to the communion are anticipated at no distant date. On the whole, the spiritual condition of the parish may be considered as favorable as it has been at any former period.

JOHN S. STONE, *Rector*.

Grace Church, Boston.

Baptisms: infants, 24; adults, 27. Communicants: present number, 272. Confirmed, 70. Marriages, 10. Burials, 15. Sunday schools: scholars, 140; teachers, 31. Missionary contributions: General Board, $310; Massachusetts Board, $200. Other contributions for religious purposes, $2022; — total, $2532.

The temporal and spiritual progress of this parish has been greater, since the last Convention, than during any previous year. Since the consecration of our church, in 1836, the Bishop has administered confirmation at seven distinct times, and we have found a decided advantage in bringing this solemn ordinance so frequently before the people. Special attention has been given to the study of the Bible in the parish; and the evening of the Lord's day has usually been devoted to this purpose, and, during the winter season, our spacious lecture-room was always filled.

We are training the members of our Sunday school in habits

and convenient as, under the tenure and circumstances in which we hold it, is practicable or expedient. A considerable improvement has occurred in the regularity and stated attendance of both the congregation and members of the Sunday school; and, though changes by removal are frequent, the conviction of great and permanent usefulness is daily strengthened. A number are at present under serious impressions, and will, it is reasonably hoped, ere long be fully turned to their God and Saviour. Our labors have been, and we pray, trusting that they will still be, blessed from above. SAMUEL McBURNEY.

Norfolk County.

Christ Church, Quincy.

Baptisms: infants, 6. Communicants: added, 3; died, or removed, 2; present number, 45. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 4. Burials, 5. Sunday school, 75. Missionary contributions: General Board, $6; Massachusetts Board, $12. Other contributions for religious purposes, $30.

During the last year, there has been no material change in this parish. The services of the Church are well attended, and a good degree of serious and religious feeling pervades the congregation. We have an interesting Bible class and Sunday school, and a valuable Sunday school library. I have usually had three services on the Lord's day through the year, and a regular Bible class meeting every week until Easter. We have had weekly lectures and prayer-meetings in different parts of the parish through the year, which have had a good effect in producing a spirit of serious inquiry, Christian union, and enlightened attachment to the Church. We are blessed, as a parish, with union, harmony, and peace; and, though our congregation is small, — consisting of about 250, — and the pressure of the times felt by us very severely, yet we have abundant cause for gratitude to the great Head of the Church for his continued smiles upon our poor efforts to build up his cause and kingdom in the world. This church, for more than a century, has had to struggle with many difficulties, — often reduced so low as scarcely to exist; yet the Lord has sustained it; and we trust that

many who have enjoyed its worship and ordinances rejoicing in the church triumphant in heaven. Hitherto hath helped us. Our prospects now are encouraging; gregation is gradually increasing, and there is a decided ment in the responses of the worshippers. That the w Lord may here have free course and be glorified, that s great numbers may be brought into the fold of Christ, ing members of his church, and prepared for heavenly our sincere and earnest prayer.

CALVIN WOLCOTT,

St. Paul's Church, Dedham.

Baptisms: infants, 3. Communicants: added, 5; di moved, 7; present number, 35 to 40. Confirmed, 3. Ma Burials, 4. Sunday school, 38. Contributions for relig poses, $49 98.

Death and removals have made serious inroads upon gregation since the commencement of the present year. period, we were enjoying almost unprecedented prosp a speedy return of which we humbly invoke the He Church.

S. B. BABCOCK,

St. James's Church, Roxbury.

During the past conventional year, there have been 1 adult and 16 infants. There have been added to c communicants, 37; 15 have removed; 2 have died; ou number is 112. Seven persons have been confirm marriage and 16 burials have occurred in the parish. day school has 11 teachers, 65 scholars. We have cc to the funds of the General Missionary Board, $10 have on hand, appropriated to Home Missions, $10 contributions for religious purposes, $121 89.

In our parochial history of the past year, there have distinct periods, — the one of unusual depression, the remarkable prosperity. Last autumn, one of our most liberal, and pious members was removed by death, an others disabled, by pecuniary losses, from continuing t erous contributions to the necessities of the Church. these discouraging events, fifteen families, within a peri

months, removed from the town, and dissolved their connection with this parish. But, with the opening of the present year, the aspect of our affairs began to change for the better. A large accession to our congregation has since occurred, and almost every Sunday witnesses additional increase. The services of the sanctuary were never so fully attended here as now, nor the resources of the parish so adequate to its wants. A lecture has been delivered on the Thursday evenings, at a hired hall, throughout the greater part of the year. The attendance on these meetings has been encouraging, and apparently much blessed. During the present spring, these assemblings have been, considering the scattered position of our people, very numerous. Shortly after the last Convention, a Sunday evening service was established at Jamaica Plains, — a village of this town, about three miles distant from the parish church. Worship has been continued there, with little more than two months' interruption, to this time. The result has been, an active effort on the part of our friends in that neighborhood to erect a small chapel, which I have little doubt will prove successful. A very eligible lot has been purchased, and a considerable amount already subscribed towards the building. By the blessing of God, I shall have the pleasure of announcing its completion and consecration in my next annual report. The "fair," to which reference was made last year, as soon to be conducted by the zealous ladies of St. James's parish, was completely successful; the nett proceeds having been more than $1000. This accomplished the payment for our organ. That our charitable contributions have not been as great as during the previous year, is not, I trust, attributable to a diminished interest in the benevolent objects which it has been our privilege to aid, but to the actual reduction of our means during the first half of the past twelvemonth. Our "lack of service" in this respect will, we hope, be more than "supplied" in the year on which we are entering.

The Lord is now "showing some tokens upon us for good;" and, while communities of Christians around us are enjoying pledges of his special presence and benediction, we have good hope that he will listen to our importunate cry, — *Bless us, even us also, O our Father!*

M. A. D'Wolf Howe, *Rector*.

Essex County.

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport.

Baptisms: infants, 14. Communicants: added, 12; removed, 4; present number, 100. Confirmed, 2. Marri Burials, 15. Sunday school, 70. Missionary contrib Massachusetts Board, $35. Other contributions for r purposes, $94.

This church has a fund called the Bass fund, of about the income of which, as soon as it shall amount to $500, appropriated to the support of the ministry, provided th amount is voted by the parish, so as to make a salary of There is another fund of $1100, the income of which distributed among the poor of the parish. The ladies society have raised this year $200 to paint the church. scription has been made, amounting to about $400, for b a new church in Amesbury. A collection of $25 was m the church in Matagorda: $50 were raised for the rector James's Church, Amesbury. The amount of collectio scriptions, &c. during the year, for charitable and religio poses, is about $700. JAMES MORSS, *Re*

St. Peter's Church, Salem.

Baptisms: infants, 13; adults, 6. Communicants: add present number, about 112. Confirmed, 15. Marria Burials, 7. Sunday scholars, 91; besides a Bible class members, and a mutual class of ladies. Missionary co tions: to the General Board, $189; to the Massachusetts $17 02, which will be increased, doubtless, to $50. Oth tributions to the amount of $243.

In consequence of a disease of the eyes, the rector Peter's Church has been disabled from performing pastoral during the past year. The present substitute was engage his vacancy in October last; soon after which, the Re Mason sailed for Europe, with the intention of spending t months in which he might be obliged to suspend his labo foreign tour. Mr. M. is, to some extent, relieved of his in and hopes and purposes to resume his charge during the autumn.

Several accessions to the church have been made since the last Convention; and, besides the increase of numbers, an additional degree of seriousness has appeared of late, which is still producing good results. Eight or ten individuals propose soon to be confirmed by the Bishop. A spirit of prayer prevails in the parish, and circles for social worship convene weekly in private dwellings in different parts of the city. The church or lecture-room has been opened regularly on one evening of the week for a public service. Most of the holydays and seasons have been observed according to their appointment. A catechetical instruction of the children on the Sabbath has been introduced at various times, in the place of the usual sermon. A Churchman's class was formed during the winter, for the purpose of explaining the doctrines and usages of the Church, which, it is hoped, has been the means of attaching the younger members of St. Peter's more strongly to our holy communion. The Lord "command his blessing" upon this people, "of life forevermore."

GEORGE LEEDS, *Officiating Minister.*

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead.

Baptisms: infants, 9; adults, 3. Communicants: added, 13; died, or removed, 5; present number, 108. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 5. Burials, 8. Sunday school, teachers and scholars, 150.

Through the mercy of God, the church in Marblehead continues united, prosperous, and happy; as much so as at any former period since the present rector had charge of it. No record has been made of charitable contributions; but it is believed about the usual amount has been raised. We cannot but acknowledge the Divine goodness in giving us almost unbroken harmony for many years, and that the members of our congregation seem to strive together with one heart for the furtherance of the gospel.

WILLIAM H. LEWIS, *Rector.*

St. James's Church, Amesbury.

Baptisms: infants, 5; adults, 3. Communicants: added, 4; removed, 4; present number, 30. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Sunday school: teachers, 13; number of members, 70. Missionary contributions: Massachusetts Board, $11, 95 of

which is from contributions in the Sunday school; other
tions for religious purposes, $37.

The course of religious services and instruction
past year has been similar to the one reported to the la
tion. Since that time it has been ascertained, that if
had a house of worship large enough for its accom
more than twice the present number of pews could a
rented. At Amesbury and in other parishes of the
about $3000 have been subscribed or promised to be
wards the erection of a new church, provided the sum
to $3500. The plan proposed is to have the new chur
trust as the property of the Protestant Episcopal Ch
that the rent of the pews may become a permanent fun
taining the services of the Church and the preaching of t
If the subscription can be completed, the church at
will in all probability become permanent and ind
Should their Episcopal brethren, for the want of a few
dollars, suffer them to despair of attaining their object
sum already subscribed be lost to the interests of the cl
subscriber feels that the efforts he has made will relieve
sharing the responsibility of such a result. Having don
could for that interesting parish and important missiona
at the close of this month he respectfully resigns his ch

CHARLES C. TAYLOR,

Christ Church, Andover.

Baptisms: infants, 22; adults, 4. Communicants: a
removed, 2; present number, 55. Confirmed, 14.
4. Burials, 8. Sunday schools, 1; scholars, 90; tea
Missionary and other contributions for religious purposes

From these records, it may be seen that this import
continues, through the blessing of God, to prosper. D
year, *eight* families have been added to it, making th
number fifty. There are also connected with the cor
between thirty and forty unmarried men and youths,
the same number of unmarried women and girls; s
whole number of individuals belonging to this cure ma
mated at three hundred.

There were at the last Convention fifty-five childr

Sunday school; the number just reported exhibits an increase of thirty-five. Indeed, the school has never been in a more vigorous and flourishing condition than at the present time. Parents and communicants are beginning to show a becoming interest in its welfare, the effect of which is already seen. During the season of Lent, the children were instructed in the catechism, and were afterwards, on two public "occasions," examined by the Rector "openly in the church," in the presence of an interested and gratified congregation. Sixty copies of the Children's Magazine are distributed every month among the members of the school. A copy of this invaluable periodical is thus regularly placed in every family where there are children, and with the most encouraging results. Eight copies of the Journal of Christian Education, published monthly under the direction of our General Sunday School Union, are also circulated.

The missionary lecture on the first Sunday evening of every month has been continued. The survey of Africa and Europe has been completed, and that of Asia, proceeding from the west, as far as the province of Bengal.

Of the persons confirmed, nearly one half were young people, who with the others have since come to the communion. We cannot but regard them as the promising first fruits of a still larger harvest from this most important part of the Lord's vineyard.

On the whole, we have very much to excite our gratitude and hope. The attendance on public worship has been larger during the few last months than at any former period, and the music of our large and spirited choir is excellent. But, what is far better than all outward prosperity, the Lord by his Spirit has opened the hearts of some to attend to the things which are spoken by the ministers of Christ. May the Holy Spirit continue to strive with us, and visit us with his salvation!

SAMUEL FULLER, JR. *Rector.*

Christ Church, Lynn.

Baptisms: infants, 4; adults, 2. Communicants: added, 9; died, or removed, 2; present number, 30. Burials, 1. Sunday schools, 1; scholars, 45; teachers, 7. Contributions to General Board, $5; Massachusetts Board, $5; other purposes, $88 83.

ble by our congregation to take measures for the continuance of the services of the Church. A committee to "inquire and report what amount of money can be raised among the worshippers in support of preaching," was appointed. Their success was better than was anticipated by many, and on the eve of March 2d, the parish was organized under the name of "Christ Church," and a Vestry chosen.

By referring to my visiting list, I find that I have from twenty-five to thirty families which may be depended upon for attendance.

Our numbers are now evidently increasing, and, what is more encouraging, unless appearances deceive me, an increased degree of religious feeling is manifesting itself among us. May God in his mercy increase it, till we are all found "walking in *all* the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless."

F. A. WADLEIGH, *Minister*.

Middlesex County.

Christ Church, Cambridge.

Baptisms: infants, 7. Communicants: added, 6; died, or removed, 7; present number, 40. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Sunday schools, 1; scholars, 18. Missionary contributions: Massachusetts Board, $20 56. Other contributions, $158.

The above table exhibits no material change in the condition of this parish since the last report. The church has been kept open for public worship, during the past year, under the ministrations of several clergymen, the present minister having taken charge of the parish in the month of December. There is a perceptible increase in the numbers of the congregation, and our prospects, in some respects, are considered more favorable than at any previous period. Independent of foreign aid, however, there is little probability that they will be able to offer sufficient inducements for a clergyman, of such a character as the importance of the place requires, to settle permanently among them. This is entirely owing to the fewness of their members and the limited extent of their means. "In order to show that our weakness is not of the will, but in the means," is the language of one

who has been long well acquainted with the circumstance
parish, "I may state that we have not a dozen male n
whose taxable property is worth estimating. There is
peculiarity attending our church, calculated to mislead
observer as to its ability; which is the transient char
many worshippers. Many persons, in addition to the
students, come to Cambridge for temporary purposes; w
more permanent residents cannot count upon in any arran
respecting the future. At this moment, some of our most
and zealous members are of this description. Compa
however, our condition has been growing better, and o
pects at no time have been brighter. The zeal of the la
done much within the last two years, and I trust will h
the foundation of our future prosperity."

This church was originally patronized by the venerable
in England, to which so many of our parishes "are i
under God, for their first foundation, and a long contin
nursing care and protection." That society appropria
pounds per annum (the highest salary then given to a n
sionary) for the support of its first minister. This w
upon the ground of its importance, as being the seat of t
versity. The same motive, in the year 1824, prompted
pointment of a committee, by the Convention of this Di
procure subscriptions for repairing the church, which h
into decay, and to provide for the restoration of divine
therein. It was then stated that the Episcopalian
amounted to one seventh of the whole number at the Un
It is believed that the proportion is now nearly the sam
committee at that time felt it their duty to urge the im
of providing a fund for the support of a minister, as the c
in which the church could be placed on a solid and pe
basis. This object is still greatly to be desired. Were
of the few Episcopalians resident in the parish alone i
there would not, on their account, be ground for so st
appeal to the liberality of the Church at large. But it n
matter of deep concern, to every one sincerely attache
institutions, to see a church, which might be the instru
disseminating so much good, continually struggling with
ties which frustrate its usefulness. Nor is it *just* that

parish should be expected to provide for the religious instruction of those who assemble here from every section of our country. So long as the benefit is thus widely diffused, the burden ought also, partially at least, to be divided. We cannot, therefore, but regard the local situation of this church as creating a strong claim upon Churchmen, throughout our country, to see that it be properly sustained. It is a *debt due*, — a matter of *right* and *equity*. Could the subject be presented in its just light, and could suitable measures be taken, under the sanction of the Convention, if deemed advisable, it might and would doubtless be placed upon a sure foundation, and rendered permanently effective in promoting the interests of the Church, by its influence on the rising generation. All which is respectfully submitted.

N. Hoppin, *Minister*.

St. Anne's Church, Lowell.

Baptisms: infants, 46; adults, 6. Communicants: added, 25; died, or removed, 12; present number, 234. Confirmed, 21. Marriages, 8. Burials, 23. Sunday school, 651. Missionary contributions: General Board, $194; Massachusetts Board, $370. Other contributions for religious purposes, $200.

This parish is, by the Divine blessing, in a prosperous condition. For several years, it has been quite as large as could be accommodated in the church, and we have felt the need of more room. Measures have recently been put in train, which we hope will result in an increase of accommodation for divine worship.

An improvement of our Sunday schools during the year is observable. There is an increase of adult pupils, which, so long as they do not displace the children, is an important acquisition. The proportion of male teachers is much increased by the accession of very intelligent and devoted men, whose patient and self-denying labors have been blessed. The invaluable services of our experienced and excellent superintendents are still retained. Nineteen pupils of the school have been confirmed and received to the communion.

A pleasing, and, it is hoped, increasing interest in the subject of religion is manifested by a devout engagement in the stated services, and by the solemnity of our social meetings.

Theodore Edson, *Rector*.

St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls.

Baptisms, 14: infants, 10; adults, 4. Communicants 12; died, 3; removed, 1; present number, 127. Confi Marriages, 2. Burials, 12. Sunday schools, 1: schol teachers, 25, — 12 male and 15 female. Missionary tions, $75: General Board, $25; Massachusetts Boa Other contributions for religious and benevolent purpos op's fund, $27; temperance society, $16 50; sewin $315; Sunday school society, $27; miscellaneous, total, $705 50.

This parish, through the Divine blessing, continues t good degree of spiritual and temporal prosperity. The since its enlargement, though sufficiently capacious t congregation of five hundred persons, is usually very re attended.

A commodious lecture-room has been completed in t ment of the church, at an expense of $418 89; more th hundred of this amount having been paid by the sewing

The Sunday school continues large, and is now furnis convenient accommodations for all its purposes. The are constant in their attendance, and the teachers encou persevere in their work and labor of love.

During the Fridays in Lent, the rector "instructed c ined so many children of his parish as were sent unto hi Church catechism," and with increasing conviction of t and wisdom of the Church in making this a part of his duty.

Beside the several benevolent societies heretofore from this parish, a "Maternal Association" has been formed, which can scarcely fail of being useful.

ALFRED L. BAURY, R

St. John's Church, Charlestown.

Charlestown has, for a long time, been regarded as those important towns in our State, in which the E Church ought to be established. But no systematic effort effect has been made till recently. In the autumn of la the attention of the Massachusetts Board of Missions wa to the subject; and, after investigation by their comm

was deemed expedient to occupy the post at once. The friends of the Church in Charlestown took up the matter with spirit, and arrangements were immediately made for the opening of services there. In December, I accepted the invitation of the Board to take charge of the station, and commenced my labors the first Sunday in January, in a neat and convenient hall, which had been procured and fitted for the purpose. The attendance, from the first, was encouraging. Services have been regularly sustained since. During the winter, a weekly lecture was held, which was always fully attended, and frequently crowded; and, on all occasions of service, the hall has been well filled. All the settees are now regularly occupied by persons who have joined the parish. The parish was regularly organized in March. Immediately after the organization, efforts were commenced for the erection of a church. A stock subscription was opened, and it was resolved to build, provided *one hundred shares* of the stock were taken. *Seventy* shares were soon secured in Charlestown, and a committee was then appointed in Boston to secure the remainder there. The limit fixed for the closing of the subscription was the first of June. At that time, it was found that only *twenty-three* shares had been taken by our friends in the city. But, as the committee in Boston had good hope that the remainder would be secured there, (seven shares,) the committee in Charlestown, to prevent a failure as to the completion of the subscription within the required time, assumed the responsibility of the deficit, having a distinct understanding with their friends in Boston, that the same would be raised in the city. A building committee has been appointed, and it is purposed to commence the erection of the church as soon as a lot can be secured.

An efficient ladies' circle has been in operation in the parish from the first. They have recently held a fair for the benefit of the new church. The gross receipts were $1350. The nett amount is not yet precisely ascertained. A Sunday school has been organized, and is prosperous. A monthly Sunday evening lecture is held in the Congregational church, (Rev. Mr. Budington's,) which has been kindly offered till our own church is erected. It is very fully attended by various denominations. All things, thus far, are prosperous with us in an unexpected degree. To God be the praise. N. T. Bent.

N. B. The statistics of the parish cannot be accura
and therefore are not reported.

Plymouth County.

St. Andrew's Church, Hanover.

Baptisms: infants, 2. Communicants: added, 7
number, 42. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 3. Burials,
day schools, 1: scholars, 90. Missionary contributions:
Board, $10. Easter collection, $8. Other contributio
ligious purposes, $148.

In the condition of the parish of St. Andrew's, Ha
important changes have taken place since the last
report. In addition to the usual Sunday services, a le
been given occasionally in different parts of the parish o
evening, and, for a few months past, a social religious
has been held on each Wednesday evening. A Bible
was continued through the past winter with much inter
ladies of our two sewing circles continue their labors
mendable assiduity. One of them (the Dorcas) has ea
last year, about $60. Our Sunday school has conside
creased, both in numbers and interest. The teachers a
be heartily engaged in their work, and the children ar
and prompt in attendance.

We look to God for his blessing, that this branch of
may flourish, and bear fruit to the praise and glory of h

ELEZER A. GREE

Trinity Church, Marshfield.

During the last summer, divine service was held in th
only one Sunday in each month. From Christmas until
the church was closed, with the exception of one Su
which the parish enjoyed the services of Rev. Mr. Bartl
arrangement has recently been made with the parish in
by which service is held in Marshfield every third Sund
afternoon, and a lecture is also preached at 5 o'clock.
arrangement appears to be advantageous and satisfactor
parishes.

Two children have been baptized. The state of the church is much the same as formerly.

ELEZER A. GREENLEAF.

Trinity Church, Bridgewater.

Baptisms: adults, 3. Communicants: added, 6; died, 2; removed, 3; present number, 47. Confirmed, 6. Burials, 4. Sunday schools, 1: teachers, 10; scholars, 66. Easter collections, $10. Bishop's fund, $12. Missionary contributions: Massachusetts Board, $53; General Board, by an individual of the parish, $20. Contributions for other religious purposes, $165.

Although it is not our happiness to be able to report so large a number of additions to our communion the past year as the year preceding, it gives us pleasure to state that the promising indications, then mentioned as existing, of a progressive work of grace among us, have not disappointed our hopes. Ten were prepared for confirmation when the Bishop was with us on Easter day; four were prevented from participating in that holy rite by sickness and other occurrences. As many as seven are now in a state of preparation. When these are added to our communion, although two have died, and three have left us, we shall have more than doubled our communion in a little more than two years. Favorable as the condition of the parish will perhaps appear in view of these facts, we feel humbled by the reflection of what a God of infinite mercy might probably have vouchsafed us, had there been a larger share of faith and devotedness in his service. While I am sensible of short-comings in the discharge of the solemn responsibilities with which I am entrusted, I do desire to be thankful that the share of health I have enjoyed has enabled me to go through rather more than the average amount of labor reported last year.

The general opinion among the friends of the parish is, that there is a very perceivable alteration for the better in the views and feelings of many around us, who were known to be unfavorably disposed towards the Church. Scarcely a Sabbath passes but strangers make their appearance among us, and, in many instances, freely express their satisfaction. Nevertheless, the denominational and local prejudices amongst us are very strong, and the growth of the parish in influence and respectability can

reasonably be hoped for only in God's blessing on a pe devoted, and judicious ministry.

Our contemplated lecture-room was completed an with appropriate addresses to the congregation and class, in the month of October; since which it has us occupied for religious exercises two and three evening Early morning exercises were held in it every Wedn Friday during Lent, and every morning during Pass The average attendance was about thirty-five.

Taking into view what the parish has had to rais support of the ministry, — being aided by the Board o sum of $50, — it will be perceived that, together with mentioned above, no less than $660, in all, have been This affords a pleasing view of the growing interest i fare of our Zion, especially when it is recollected t years since it was with much difficulty that it could r for the support of the ministry alone.

We have, indeed, abundant reasons to thank God courage, not more for the readiness with which he hath the people to come up to his help in supporting the grace, than for the frequent manifestations of his favor ing one here and another there, from month to month, t ance and faith in his dearly-beloved Son.

In the fond hope of his continued favor, I trust both p people will ever feel it to be both their duty and hap emulate those " who, through faith and patience, now in promises." HENRY BLACKALLER,

St. Thomas's Church, Taunton.

Baptisms: infants, 8; adults, 3. Communicants: ad died, or removed, 2; present number, 65. Confir Burials, 3. Sunday schools, 1: scholars, 125; teac Missionary contributions: General Board, $27 25; M setts Board, $25. Other contributions for religious purp

It affords the rector of St. Thomas's sincere pleasure mitting this his second Report to the Convention, that to represent that church as in a state of increased prosp with prospects still brightening. The records of the pa an addition to it of thirteen families, besides various in

during the past year; and the enlargement of the church edifice will perhaps be shortly a necessary subject of consideration. But it is over the spiritual prosperity of our church that we most rejoice, as the truest evidence of God's blessing upon our labors. A deep seriousness has been manifested in the congregation, and a spirit of earnest inquiry has been evinced among them. This has, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, resulted in the addition of an unusual number to the communion, whilst the attendance upon our various services on secular days, or otherwise, gives hope of a still farther enlargement of our borders. With regard to our contributions for missionary and other purposes, we have reported only so much as has been actually paid to the proper authorities, but the gross sum raised in this parish for religious objects is much larger in this than the preceding year: it amounts to $405, of which $189 70 has been raised by the ladies' sewing circle, and $215 30 by monthly contributions. Part of this sum is appropriated for the use of our church, part has been applied to the relief of our poor during the late severe season, and with the balance we hope shortly to make good our usual donations to the General Board of Missions.

EDMUND NEVILLE, *Rector*.

Grace Church, New Bedford.

Baptisms: infants, 2; adults, 2. Communicants: added 5; died, or removed, 3; present number, 45. Burials, 2. Sunday schools, 1: scholars, about 90. Missionary contributions: General Board, $59 50; Massachusetts Board, $50. Other contributions for religious purposes, $323.

During the last year nothing of especial interest has transpired in the spiritual condition of this church, until within the last few months. Through the season of Lent, especially in Passion week, much seriousness was observable among the people, which has, it is believed, been quietly deepening and extending. By the time of the Bishop's annual visitation, I trust that a goodly number will be prepared for the rite of confirmation.

It is worthy of remark that our congregation has been still on the increase, decidedly and steadily. Many of those who have joined us are young men just entering on the active engagements

of life. Should we increase in the ratio of the past con
year, our church will speedily be filled.

It is due to the Ladies' Association of our parish, to
their zeal and activity has been truly praiseworthy
couraging. Though the number of its regular members
they have been the means of raising more than $900,
almost exclusively by their personal exertions and l
without aid from abroad.

THEO. WM. SNOW, *I*

Church of the Ascension, Fall River.

Baptisms: infants, 5; adults, 6; total 11. Commu
added, 23; died, or removed, 5; present number, 5
firmed, 10. Marriages, 3. Burials, 9. Sunday sch
scholars, 100; teachers, 17. Contributions: Sunday
$11 25; Missionary Board, $32,61; total, $43 86.

. Our congregation has not materially changed, in point
bers, since our last report. The number of our comm
by the blessing of God upon the use of the appointed me
considerably increased. There has been an unusual att
religious truth in our congregation, and throughout t
generally, during the last winter. Fifteen were addec
communion on Easter morning; and we humbly hope
wards of twenty have been brought to a knowledge of t
It is a fact of some interest, that, while our communica
candidates for the communion number upwards of *si*
congregations, including children, seldom exceeds a hunc
twenty-five. But few attend our services except those
particularly attached to our Church. This, in some r
perhaps, is to be attributed to the want of comfortable ac
dations; we, however, hope that this obstacle to our prog
soon be removed. The parish have purchased a place
ship, of which they expect to obtain possession on the firs
month. They have bought the Baptist meeting-house
sum of $4500. This house was built about ten years
a cost of upwards of $8000, and it has recently beer
good repair at an expense of about $500. Its locatior
the main street, and central. We pay the above-named

$4500 for the house, lot, bell, and furniture, of which $2800, are to be paid when we take possession of the premises, and one half of the remainder at the end of one year, and the other half at the expiration of two years. It is the design of the parish to pay for their house entirely by donation, intending to rent the pews in aid of the support of their minister. A large portion of the first payment has been subscribed, and efforts are now making to complete this sum, by the first of next month. Our numbers are small, and our means are limited; yet we have abundant reason to be humbly thankful for the many blessings which God has vouchsafed to us, and to take holy courage, to labor with untiring diligence in the cause of our Lord and Master, firmly believing that our infant parish will, ere long, be permanently established, and made the joyful place where many shall be born into the kingdom of God, and made meet inheritors of heaven through the saving merits of the atonement of Christ.

GEO. M. RANDALL, *Minister.*

Worcester County.

Christ Church, Clappville.

Baptisms: infants, 11. Communicants, 22. Burials, 2. Contributions to Massachusetts Board, $5. Other purposes, $1 50.

The present incumbent began his services here the second Sunday in February last. The church then had been closed four or five months. The general stagnation of business, and particularly the stopping of the factories in the places on which the village depends so much for its population and activity, and the church for its congregation, had been the occasion of the discontinuance of the services. But few of those who had been the supporters of the church are left to sustain it. An extraordinary effort seems demanded, till a return of manufacturing prosperity; when, in humble reliance on divine aid, this may be expected to be again one of the most prosperous of our country churches. We have but just begun to collect the children again in the Sunday school, and the number of scholars cannot yet be ascertained for reporting.

WM. WITHINGTON, *Officiating Minister.*

St. John's Church, Wilkinsonville.

Baptisms: infants and children, 11; adults, 5. C
cants: added, 10; died, 3; present number, 70. Con
Marriages, 7. Burials, 9. Sunday schools, 1: schc
Missionary contributions: General Board, $30; Mass
Board, $15. Other contributions for religious purposes,

In the present state of this church there seems to b
worthy of particular notice. The usual public and social
services have been held. During the season of Lent t
one service in church each week on Wednesday, and
Passion Week the church was open for public worship e
except Saturday. During this season, also, many of the
and youth of the parish received instruction once a we
Church Catechism.

Though the Lord's work has not prospered in this
might have been expected from more faithful and
labors, yet when we consider how great an event is the
ance of one sinner, we are constrained to thank the
what he has done, and to acknowledge that it is owin
own inactivity and unbelief that we have not been mo
dantly blessed.

This society is small, and seems likely to remain
much harmony and good feeling prevails among its r
The usual amount for the minister's salary, and other r
expenses, is raised with great cheerfulness and promptn
within the year now past the sum of $130 has been ge
subscribed by individuals for the improvement of ou
music. DANL. L. B. Goc

Hampden County.

Christ Church, Springfield.

Baptisms: infants, 6; adults, 4. Communicants: ad
present number, 40. Confirmed, 7. Burials, 2.
schools, 1: scholars, 50. Missionary contributions: M
setts Board, $20. Other contributions for religious purpo

The state of affairs in this parish is highly encouragin

the former report, the church edifice, which had then just been commenced, has been completed, and was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God on Wednesday, the 1st of April last, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop. On the day following, the undersigned was by the Bishop instituted Rector. The several services which were held at this interesting season were fully attended, and productive of much apparent good. Indeed, the old prejudices which have been such mighty obstacles in the way of the progress of the Church in our community seem to be fast passing away, as the true principles of our Zion are understood and appreciated. Such clear and faithful exhibitions of the gospel and the Church as were made by the respected brethren who were present with us at the above-named time, cannot fail to advance the interests of immortal souls, and of the Church, wherever they are enjoyed.

The church is a neat Gothic structure, of wood, containing sixty-eight pews, besides the seats in the gallery, which extends across the front end of the building. Fifty pews are already rented, and others are occupied as free seats. The parish would be able at once to sustain the services without further aid from the missionary funds, were it not for the fact that the entire cost of the church is not yet defrayed. The whole expense of the lot and building amounts to about $6200, about $4000 of which has been paid, the money having been raised by donation. The parish propose to liquidate the debt gradually, by appropriating as much of the annual income as can be applied for that purpose. Perhaps it will be decided at some future time to pay the then remaining deficiency by subscription. There is no probability that the parish will be incommoded by the debt. It is hoped that, under the circumstances of the case, the parish may still be aided in some measure by the Board of Missions. They will cheerfully pay ample interest for whatever sum the Board may feel able to appropriate to them, and hope in due time to refund the whole amount with which they shall have been favored. The church in Springfield has experienced the happy effects of domestic missionary operations, and it is believed that no people are more ready to contribute of their substance, as far as they are able, to the funds of the Missionary Board. They hope, when they become more firmly established, that they may

be enabled to aid more largely the great missionary ca
foreign and domestic.

In addition to the $38 which is reported, the ladies o
ish have, during the year, in their sewing circle, and
eral subscription, raised about $140 for furnishing th
A considerable sum has also been raised for the purcl
bell. The addition of an organ would complete our
ments, though we have generally been favored with as
sic as could be expected.

The church is open for service every Wednesday eve
a third service is held on the first Sunday of every mon
festivals and fasts of the church are observed, and the at
upon these and all the services is indicative of a deep i
the prosperity of the church, and in many cases of an a
interest in the concerns of the soul.

The members of the parish would devoutly thank t
Providence who has raised up friends for them in a time
who have so liberally aided them in the work now accor
May He who loveth a cheerful giver reward them all ab
and may all those who enjoy the benefits of the new s
show forth their thankfulness by making a right use of i
glory of God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

HENRY W. LEE, I

Franklin County.

St. James's Church, Greenfield.

Baptisms: infants, 4. Communicants: added, 4; die
moved, 9; present number, 68. Confirmed, 2. Marr
Burials, 10. Sunday schools, 1; scholars, 60. Mission
tributions: General Board, $35.

The pecuniary embarrassments which have prevailed
out the country, have somewhat affected the interests of
ish. The services of the church have, however, been c
with accustomed regularity, and it is hoped that they l
been wholly unattended with the divine blessing. The
school is prosperous, and, on the part of many, an increa
tachment is manifested to the institutions of religion.

T. STRONG, I

St. John's Church, Ashfield.

Communicants: added, 1; died, or removed, 2; present number, 32. Burials, 4. Missionary contributions: Mass. Board, $3 50. Sunday schools, 1; scholars, 60. Baptisms: infants, 2.

There has been no material change in the condition of this parish since my last report. In addition to the ordinary services, a Bible class and Sunday school have been superintended on Sunday. Frequently, during the week, lectures have been held within and without the parish.

JACOB PEARSON, *Rector.*

Berkshire County.

Trinity Church, Lenox.

Number of families, 23. Communicants: added, 1; died, or removed, 3; present number, 30. Confirmed, 2. Burials, 2.

As heretofore, this church has been nearly destitute of ministerial services during the past year. Under all the unfavorable and discouraging circumstances of a deprivation of the instruction and worship of the sanctuary, its members have continued firm in their attachment to the beloved institutions, which they are constantly and deeply solicitous to have revived and sustained among them with regularity and permanence. For several years they have received little or no missionary aid to carry out and support their own endeavors, and they respectfully ask if their number of families and communicants, their situation in the shire town in the county, and their inability to contribute all that is requisite for the support of a minister, may not be arguments to commend their case to the sympathy and assistance of their brethren in more favored and prosperous churches?

RICHARD PARKER, }
SILAS EDDY, } *Wardens.*

Trinity Church, Van Deusenville.

Communicants: added, 9; present number, 43. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. Sunday schools, 1; scholars, 40. Contributions for Sunday school, $19.

This church was legally organized in February last. to this it was connected as a chapel with St. James's Great Barrington. At the request of the Bishop, I con last June supplying the pulpit half of each Sunday. The gations have increased in numbers and attention, and, un the prospect seems fair of spiritual and temporal prospe ladies' sewing society has been formed, and is active church is the only house of worship in the village and n hood, and has opportunity for doing much good. May ish the work he has begun.

SAMUEL P. PARKER, *Mis*

St. Paul's Church, Stockbridge.

Communicants: present number, 19. Marriages, 1. 3. Contributions, about $15.

The few apparent fruits in Stockbridge are to be accou in part by the fact that the number of Episcopalians is sm that the services of the minister for the last four years ha gratuitous, and such as he could render while conducting ing-school, and in poor health.

Yet, in spite of this, and the disadvantage of having church edifice nor the parochial services of a clergyma and attentive congregations have listened to our liturgy, t servative and evangelical doctrines of our church have strong impression, and a sewing circle has been formed.

Under these circumstances the present minister will con labor in faith. SAMUEL P. PARKER, *Min*

St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

Baptisms: infants, 5; adults, 1. Communicants: ad removed, 4; present number, 62. Marriages, 1. Bur Sunday school scholars, 33; teachers, 6; 2 Bible clas members. Missionary contributions: General Board, Massachusetts Board, $75. Other contributions for r purposes: Convention fund, $9; Sunday school, 20.

Addition to the permanent fund of the parish, in part b ey paid for slips, and in part by a gift from two persons f members of the congregation, now resident in the East $800.

The state of this parish may be regarded as having improved since the last annual report. An increase has been made thereto by the addition of several new occupants of the slips in the church, and the congregations, in its stated worship, have been encouraging, both for their numbers and attention. A series of lectures was held during the season of Lent, and it is believed with a good result upon the seriousness and improvement of the hearers. A Bible class on Sunday, and another during the week, have afforded opportunities of imparting much scriptural instruction; and seed thus sown cannot always be in vain. There have been no confirmations, and but a small addition to the number of those who keep in remembrance the command of the dying Saviour. But there is a gratifying evidence that piety has been confirmed, and its influence evidenced, by the instrumentality of the solemn services of the sanctuary. The Sunday offerings have been continued as heretofore.

EDWARD BALLARD, *Rector*.

*St. James's Church, Great Barrington.**

Baptisms: children, 5; adults, 2. Communicants: added, 9; died, or removed, 44; present number, 75. Marriages, 4. Burials, 11. Sunday schools, 1; scholars, 112. Contributions for religious and charitable purposes, $208 75.

Since the last report, the people worshipping in the chapel at Van Deusenville have separated from us, and formed themselves into a new parish. This measure, which was contemplated more than a year ago, and deferred for a season by the Bishop's advice, will account for the large reduction in the number of our communicants. The separation took place mainly in consequence of a vote passed at the parish meeting, Easter, 1839, to have preaching at the church all the time. The people at Van Deusenville thought it altogether best that the chapel should be kept open, and be occupied; and that they could act more freely and efficiently for this end as an independent body. A separation accordingly took place, and there are now in the town of Great Barrington two parishes of the Episcopal Church, St. James's and Trinity.

The state of our parish, as to temporal things at least, is flour-

* This report was received after the journal was prepared for the press.

ishing. More money was raised last Easter for the supp gospel than was realized in any previous year. Ever the church was rented at the same time.

We have raised for religious and charitable purpose tributions in the church, $75 65. The ladies' society raised, for the same purposes, $133 10. The industry, ance, and punctuality that have characterized all the pr of this society are in the highest degree creditable to bers, and are hailed as happy omens for the future.

No confirmations are mentioned, the Bishop not havir the parish since our last report. The best feature in t as it regards spiritual things, is the Sunday school. It and is well supplied with competent and faithful teache excellent library. We are strong in the belief that the raise up out of it a generation to his praise.

S. HASSARD,

To the Rt. Rev. ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD, D. D. *Bish Eastern Diocese.*

The undersigned respectfully reports to the ecclesia thority of this Diocese, that, since the last annual Conv has continued his system of education, and to preach to a to attend his ministrations.

He has baptized one adult, and parents have frequentl their children for the reception of this sacrament. Had h orders, he might also have administered the holy comm many penitent recipients.

Besides these services, generally three on each Lo with many extra services, he has performed service and six times in Christ Church, Lynn, and performed divin to assist the Bishop twice in St. Peter's Church, Salem, ciated at the funeral of the person he baptized.

Salem, June 18, 1840. WILLIAM

Trinity Church, Nantucket.

Since my last report to this Convention, a beautiful litt has been erected and consecrated to the worship of God, according to the forms of our Church, which I trust will be sustained and perpetuated for generations

That the ministrations of God's word and ordinances have been blessed to very many on the island, I have happily reason to believe; and that the church will grow and flourish I cannot doubt, from the prospect of encouragement my mission has ever afforded me, and the present aspect of spiritual fruitfulness among the members of the congregation. The public services of the sanctuary have been regularly continued since October last; the Sunday school, as aforetime, is prosperous; several persons have been baptized, and an increase in the number of communicants has also taken place during the year now ended.

MOSES MARCUS.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Report of the Board of Missions be requested to take into consideration the expediency of extending the duties to said Board, so as to embrace the collection of funds for the purpose of aiding in the building of new churches, and of relieving such as may be in an embarrassed condition.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Parochial Report of Christ Church, Cambridge, be referred to a committee of three clerical members.

The Rev. Mr. Edson, the Rev. Mr. Howe, and the Rev. Mr. Watson, were appointed to compose this committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That three clerical members of the Convention be appointed a committee on the subject of the travelling expenses of such clergymen as desire to have the same defrayed from the contingent fund.

The Rev. Dr. Stone, the Rev. Dr. Boyle, and the Rev. Mr. Wolcott, were appointed to compose this committee.

The Trustees of the Society for the relief of the Widows and Children of deceased Clergymen, to whom was referred, by the last Convention, the subject of devising efficient measures towards carrying into effect this important and benevolent object, presented the following Report:

Corporation for the relief of Widows and Children of Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church of M setts.

1. The Corporation shall be under the management of dent, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and eig tees, chosen annually on the evening preceding the me the Convention, a majority of whom shall constitute a qu

2. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex officio*, Presi

3. Persons paying one dollar annually shall be memb tled to vote; and on paying twenty dollars at any one ti shall be members for life.

4. Widows and children of deceased clergymen, w have paid five dollars, or the sum of ten dollars annual be entitled to an annuity of five times the amount of such subscription, for twice the number of years during whic been paid.

5. Legacies and life subscriptions shall be funded; interest only, with such portions of the annual subscrip may be necessary to fulfil the above contract, shall be e at the discretion of the Trustees.

6. This charity shall be confined to the widows and of those clergymen who have continued members of this to the time of their decease, and died in the communion Protestant Episcopal Church.

7. A sermon shall be preached at the annual meeting Corporation, and a collection made for the increase of th and a report of the proceedings of the Trustees made Annual Convention of the Church in Massachusetts.

(Signed,) JAMES MORSS, *Chai*

The Secretary laid before the Convention a com cation from a committee of the Convention of the D Diocese, on the subject of arrearages due the Ep fund.

The Bishop having retired, the Rev. Dr. Mor called to the chair.

On motion,

Resolved, That the communication just read be r to a committee, to consist of three members.

The Rev. Dr. Stone, the Rev. Mr. Watson, and the Rev. Dr. Morss, appointed to compose this committee, with instructions to report to the Convention to-morrow morning.

On motion,

Resolved, That, when the Convention adjourn, it shall be to meet in this church at half past 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Adjourned accordingly.

Grace Church, Thursday, June 18,
half past 8 *o'clock, A. M.*

Morning service was performed by the Rev. Mr. Blackaller, of Trinity Church, Bridgewater; after which, the Right Rev. the Bishop administered the apostolic rite of confirmation.

The congregation having retired, the Convention assembled in the body of the church.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Griswold having taken the chair, the roll was called, and the Convention declared opened for business.

Leave of absence granted to Dr. Thayer, a lay delegate from St. Paul's, Dedham, and to Robert Curtis, a lay Delegate from St. Andrew's, Hanover.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention approve of the organization and establishment of a Society for the relief of Widows and Children of deceased Clergymen, and that the Report of said Society shall be annually received by the Convention, and published with the Journals of the same.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Convention on this subject, holden in Boston, A. D. 1836, be, and hereby are repealed.

The Rev. Dr. Stone, from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of application to the contingent fund

of the Convention for the payment of travelling e
presented the following Report:

That they have received applications from seven cleri
bers of the Convention, and recommend appropriations t
lowing amounts, viz. to four, ten dollars each; to one,
lars, and to two, three dollars and fifty cents each; in th
$53. The names of the members to whom appropriat
thus recommended, are as follows:

Rev. S. P. Parker,	$10
Rev. Edward Ballard,	10
Rev. Titus Strong, D. D.	10
Rev. Jacob Pearson,	10
Rev. H. W. Lee,	6
Rev. Wm. Withington,	3
Rev. Charles C. Taylor,	3
	$53

JOHN S. STONE,
ISAAC BOYLE,
CALVIN WOLCOTT, } *Com*

On motion,

Resolved, That the form of Parochial Report, as
ed by the Convention of 1837, be so amended th
space headed Sunday Schools, read "Sunday
Scholars;" and that the heading of the last space
altered as to read, "other contributions for religio
poses; each object to be particularly specified."

The former instructions of the Convention, th
Secretary forward each clergyman the established f
Parochial Report, was rescinded.

On motion,

Resolved, That, with regard to those parishe
which no reports have been received, the Secretary
structed to insert in the tabular abstract of Paroch
ports the number of communicants, and the num
Sunday school members, from estimates based
latest reports received, modified by such facts

come to the knowledge of the Secretary, distinguishing such estimated items from those reported.

John Edson, Esq. a lay delegate from Trinity Church, Bridgewater, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The Rev. Mr. Edson, from the Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Missions, made a report which was read, and, on motion,

Resolved, That the same be recommitted.

The Rev. Dr. Stone, from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of appropriating among the various parishes in this State that part of the deficiency in the payments from the Eastern Diocese to its Bishop which has been assigned to this Convention by a Committee of the Eastern Diocese, empowered to act in the case, presented the following Report:

That they have attended to that duty, and beg leave to recommend the payment of the amount so assigned, viz. $491 13, by such parishes in this State as are considered able to aid in the object, in the following proportions, viz.:

Trinity, St. Paul's, and Grace Churches, Boston, each $68 71,	$206 13
St. Anne's Church, Lowell,	30 00
St. Peter's Church, Salem,	25 00
Churches in Roxbury, Marblehead, and Christ Church, Boston, each $20,	60 00
Churches in Dedham, Newton Lower Falls, Pittsfield, Newburyport, Taunton, Lanesborough, and New Bedford, each $15,	105 00
Churches in South Boston and Great Barrington, and School for Moral Discipline, S. Boston, each $10,	30 00
Churches in Otis, Bridgewater, Andover, Wilkinsonville, Hanover, Springfield, and Greenfield, each $5*	35 00
	$491 13

JOHN S. STONE,
JOHN L. WATSON,
JAMES MORSS,
Committee.

* The committee recommend that the amounts thus apportioned be paid before the next meeting of the Convention of the Eastern Diocese.

The Rev. Dr. Boyle presented his account as T
of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the same be referred to an
Committee, to consist of two members.

The Rev. Mr. Howe and Mr. Whitmore were
ed to compose said Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Edson, from the Committee to wh
referred the report of the Board of Missions, &c. res
ly represent the importance of some more systema
of contributions for Home Missions.

1. This object, so desirable, it is thought might be e
promoted by associations of the clergy, to be held for th
of Home Missions in different parts of the Diocese, as ma
venient; and by the appointment, on the part of the
Missions, of some person or persons to attend such meeti
half of the Board.

2. Your committee also recommend that the powers a
of the Board of Missions be extended so far as to emb
collection of funds for the purpose of aiding in build
churches and relieving such as may be in an embarrass
tion; and that to its present title be added "and Truste
Church Aid Fund."

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) Theodore Edson, *Chai*

Resolved, That the *first* part of this report be ac
that the *second*, referring to an extension of the po
the Board of Missions be postponed for the consi
of the next Annual Convention.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appoi
bring this subject before the mind of the public, v
structions to report upon the same to the next C
tion.

The Rev. Dr. Stone, the Rev. Mr. Edson, the R
Clark, and Benjamin Howard, and William A
Esqrs. were appointed to compose said Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary and Treasurer be a Committee of Publication, and that they cause one thousand copies of the Journal to be printed and distributed.

The Rev. Mr. Edson, from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Church in Cambridge, presented the following Report:

That this Convention having several years ago taken action with a view to a more competent and permanent support of a clergyman who should be pastor of Christ Church, which has been suspended,

Resolved, That a committee of three persons be appointed to lay the subject before the Episcopal community, and to solicit and receive moneys for that object; such moneys to be funded and held by the Trustees of Donations, and applied by the Bishop to the support of a pastor of Christ Church.

(Signed,) THEODORE EDSON.

On motion,

Resolved, That this report be accepted, and that a Committee of three be appointed for the purpose therein recommended.

The Rev. Dr. Boyle, the Rev. Mr. Baury, and Daniel Oliver, M. D. were appointed to compose this Committee.

The Auditing Committee, to whom was referred the Treasurer's account, presented the following Report:

The undersigned have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of this Convention, and find them to be correct.

(Signed,) M. A. D'W. HOWE,
STEPHEN WHITMORE, JR.

Boston, June 18, 1840.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to the election of the Standing Committee, &c. for the ensuing year. The Rev. Mr. Watson, Assistant Minister on the Greene Foundation, Trinity Church, Boston, was appoint-

ed to preach the next annual Convention sermon; Rev. Mr. Bent, Rector of St. John's Church, Char his substitute.

The Rev. Mr. Lee, of Christ Church, Springfi excused from further attendance after 3 o'clock. T Mr. Withington, of Christ Church, Clappville, Blaisdell, a lay delegate from St. James's Church bury, asked and obtained leave of absence for the der of the session. The Bishop then called u Convention to prepare their votes for Standing Cor The Rev. Mr. Parker appointed to collect the ball

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to d rules of order in conducting the business of the (tion, and to report the same at the next annual me

The Rev. Mr. Watson and Robert C. Winthro were appointed to compose this committee.

The Rev. Mr. Ballard, of St. Stephen's Churcl field, and the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, of St. John's, Wil ville, asked and obtained leave of absence for the der of the session.

On motion,

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn, be to meet at 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

The committee appointed to collect and count th for Standing Committee, reported that the Convent chosen the Rev. Dr. Stone, the Rev. Mr. Wats Rev. Mr. Clark, William D. Sohier, Esq. Benjamir ard, Esq. Robert Farley, Esq.

The Rev. Dr. Stone declining to serve, the Con proceeded to a second ballot, when the Rev. Mr. was chosen.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were resp declared duly elected.

Standing Committee.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. John L. Watson,	William D. Sohier, Esq.
Rev. Thomas M. Clark,	Benjamin Howard, Esq.
Rev. Theodore Edson.	Robert Farley, Esq.

The Rev. Mr. Parker, of St. Paul's, Stockbridge, and Charles Webster, Esq. a lay delegate from the same church, were excused from further attendance.

The Bishop called upon the Convention to prepare their votes for Board of Missions.

The Rev. Mr. Edson was appointed to collect and count the ballots, who, having attended to that duty, reported that the Convention had chosen the Rev. Messrs. Baury, Stone, Clark, Edson, and Watson, of the clergy, and Messrs. Richardson, Howard, and Rand, of the laity.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were declared duly elected:

Board of Missions.

Rt. Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, D. D., *ex officio*, President.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Alfred L. Baury,	Benjamin Howard, Esq.
Rev. John S. Stone, D. D.	Benjamin P. Richardson, Esq.
Rev. Thomas M. Clark,	Edward S. Rand, Jr. Esq.
Rev. Theodore Edson,	
Rev. John L. Watson.	

The Bishop then called upon the Convention to prepare their votes for delegates to the General Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Edson from the committee appointed to collect and count the ballots, reported that the Convention had chosen the Rev. Dr. Stone, the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, the Rev. Dr. Morss, and the Rev. Dr. Strong, of the clergy, and Messrs. Newton, Tuckerman, Robbins, and Crocker, of the laity.

Whereupon the following gentlemen were declared duly elected:

Delegates to the General Convention.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. John S. Stone, D. D.	Edward A. Newton, E
Rev. Daniel L. B. Goodwin,	Edward Tuckerman, E
Rev. James Morss, D. D.	Edward H. Robbins, E
Rev. Titus Strong, D. D.	Samuel L. Crocker, Es

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the c a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Whereupon the Rev. Isaac Boyle, D. D. was unanimously reëlected.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention now adjourn, to this church this afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

Adjourned accordingly.

Grace Church, Thursday, June 18, 4 *o'clock*,

Convention reassembled pursuant to adjournme

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Griswold having taken the c roll was called, and the Convention declared open ness.

The minutes of the session were then read proved; after which, on motion,

Resolved, That when the Bishop shall have pro the benediction, this Convention adjourn *sine die.*

Adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

ALFRED L. BAURY, *Secr*

On Wednesday and Thursday mornings, at 6 there were religious services in the lecture-room; customary Missionary meeting was held in Grace on Wednesday evening, when prayers were read Rev. Mr. Snow, of New Bedford, and a sermon p by the Rev. Mr. Neville, of Taunton; after whic lection was taken up for Home Missions, in b the Massachusetts Board.

Appendix.

ABSTRACT OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.....JUNE, 1840.

Counties.	Towns.	Churches.	Ministers.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday Scholars.	Missionary Contributions.		Other contributions for religious purposes.
				Infants.	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					Gen'l Board.	Mass. Board.	
Suffolk	Boston	Christ	William Croswell	36	4	40	22	18	175	20	16	14	200		100 00	650 00
		Trinity	John L. Watson	28	3	31	†	†	300	17	11	19	130		235 00	1701 00
		St. Matthew's	Joseph H. Cloch	27	1	28	21	7	51	0	3	20	60	15 00	20 00	26 00
		St. Paul's	John S. Stone, D. D.	12	3	15	25	15	260	13	6	10	130	680 00	686 12	2332 12
		Grace	Thomas M. Clark	24	27	51	†	†	972	70	10	15	140	310 00	200 00	2092 00
		Free Church	Samuel McBurney	33	6	39	17	10	68	17	12	90	150	8 00	4 00	37 35
Norfolk	Quincy	Christ	Calvin Wolcott	6	0	6	3	2	45	2	4	5	75	6 00	12 00	30 00
	Dedham	St. Paul's	Samuel B. Babcock	3	0	3	5	7	40	3	1	4	38	0	0	49 98
	Roxbury	St. James's	M. A. D'W. Howe	16	1	17	37	17	112	7	1	16	95	101 78		221 89
Essex	Newburyport	St. Paul's	James Morss, D. D.	14	0	14	12	4	100	2	2	15	70	†	35 00	94 00
	Salem	St. Peter's	Charles Mason	13	6	19	15	†	112	15	6	7	91	189 60	17 02	243 00
	Marblehead	St. Michael's	William H. Lewis	9	3	12	13	6	108	11	5	8	150	†	3 81	†
	Amesbury	St. James's	Charles C. Taylor	5	3	8	4	4	30	4	2	4	70	0	11 00	37 00
	Andover	Christ	Samuel Fuller, Jr.	22	4	26	14	3	55	14	4	8	90		9 03	53 03
	Lynn	Christ	F. W. Pollard	4	2	6	0	2	30	0	0	1	45	5 00	5 00	88 83
	Ipswich	Miss. Station	F. Wadleigh	0	0	0	0	0	†	3	0	1	25	0	0	25 00
Middlesex	Cambridge	Christ	N. Hoppin	7	0	7	6	7	40	0	1	1	28	0	20 56	158 00
	Lowell	St. Anne's	Theodore Edson	46	6	52	25	12	224	21	8	23	651	194 00	370 00	200 00
	Hopkinton	St. Paul's	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	§10	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Charlestown	St. John's	N. T. Bent													
	Newton L. Falls	St. Mary's	Alfred L. Baury	10	4	14	12	4	127	10	2	12	171	25 00	50 00	630 50
Hampshire	Northampton	St. John's	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	‖16	*	*	*	¶24	*	*	*
Plymouth	Hanover	St. Andrew's	Elezer A. Greenleaf	2	0	2	7	0	42	2	3	5	90	10 00	0	156 00
	Marshfield	Trinity	Elezer A. Greenleaf	2	0	2	†	†	¶19	†	†	†	0	†	†	†
	Bridgewater	Trinity	Henry Blackaller	0	3	3	6	5	47	0	0	4	66	20 00	53 00	175 00
Bristol	Taunton	St. Thomas's	Edmund Neville	8	3	11	17	2	65	12	0	3	125	27 25	25 00	40 00
	New Bedford	Grace	Theodore W. Snow	2	2	4	5	3	45	0	0	2	90	59 50	50 00	323 00
	Fall River	Ascension	George M. Randall	5	6	11	23	5	55	10	3	9	100	0	32 61	11 25
Worcester	Chappville	Christ	W. Withington	11	0	11			22	†	†	2	§30	0	5 00	1 50
	Wilkinsonville	St. John's	Dan'l L. B. Goodwin	11	5	16	10	3	70	6	7	9	73	30 00	15 00	20 21
Hampden	Springfield	Christ	Henry W. Lee	6	4	10	15	0	40	7	0	2	50	0	20 00	18 00
	Southwick		Vacant	* **	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Blandford	St. Mark's	Henry H. Bates	*	*	*	*	*	¶4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Franklin	Greenfield	St. James's	Titus Strong, D. D.	4	0	4	4	9	66	2	7	10	60	35 00	0	†
	Montague	Trinity	Vacant	*	*	*	*	*	‖19	*	*	*	60	*	*	*
	Ashfield	St. John's	Jacob Pearson	2	0	2	1	2	32	†	†	4	0			
Berkshire	Otis	St. Paul's	Ethan Allen	*	*	*	*	*	¶14	*	*	*	60	†	3 50	†
	Lenox	Trinity	Vacant	0	0	0	0	3	30	2	0	2	1135	*	*	*
	Lanesborough	St. Luke's	Samuel B. Shaw	*	*	*	*	*	¶04	*	*	*	0	0	0	0
	Great Barrington	St. James's	Samuel Hassard	5	2	7	2	44	75	0	4	11	¶50	*	*	*
	Van Deusenville	Trinity	S. P. Parker	0	0	0	9	0	43	0	2	1	119	†	†	206 75
	Pittsfield	St. Stephen's	Edward Ballard	*	*	*							40	0	0	19 00

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT, AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED BY THE CONVENTION OF 1840.

Church.	Place.	Minister.	Baptisms.		Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	Sunday School Scholars.	Missionary Contributions.		Other contributions for religious purposes, each object to be particularly specified.
			Infants.	Adults.	Added.	Died, or removed.	Present Number.					General Board.	Mass. Board.	

N. B. It is expected that the clergyman will make such observations as to give a comprehensive view of the state of his parish and of his ministerial services during the past year.

Dr. Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in account with Isaac Boyle, Treasurer. **Cr.**

1839.			
July 19.	To amount paid the following gentlemen, by order of the Convention, for travelling expenses:		
	Rev. T. Strong,	$10 00	
	Rev. J. Pearson,	10 00	
	Rev. C. C. Taylor,	3 50	
	Rev. H. Blackaller,	2 00	
	Rev. S. Hassard,	10 00	
	Rev. F. A. Wadleigh,	3 00	
	Rev. H. W. Lee,	10 00	
	Rev. G. M. Randall,	8 00	
			$56 50
	(Voucher No. 1.)		
Aug. 8.	" paid J. B. Dow's bill, printing Journal, (No. 2,)		98 42
Sept. 9.	" " Rev. E. Ballard, for travelling expenses to last General Convention, (No. 3,)		25 00
Dec. 3.	" C. Stimpson's bill, record book for Secretary, (No. 4,)		5 00
	" copying records of Convention for 1839,		14 00
1840.			
April 27.	" sundry postages, &c. of Secretary and Treasurer,		4 08
June 18.	" balance to new account,		228 35
			$431 35

1839.		
July 19.	By balance of old account,	$230 60
	" rec'd assessments on the following churches, viz.:	
Sept. 2.	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, (1839,)	9 00
1840.		
June 12.	St. Thomas's, Taunton,	15 00
" 16.	Christ Church, Boston,	15 00
" 17.	St. Paul's, Stockbridge,	2 50
	Trinity Church, Van Deusenville,	2 50
	St. James's, Greenfield,	6 00
	St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, (1840,)	9 00
	Trinity Church, Bridgewater,	4 50
	St. Matthew's, South Boston,	7 50
	Christ Church, Andover,	10 50
	St. Paul's, Dedham, (1839 and 1840,)	12 75
	Christ Church, Springfield,	3 00
	St. Paul's, Newburyport,	10 00
	Christ Church, Clappville,	1 50
	St. James's, Roxbury,	15 00
	St. Paul's, Boston,	37 50
	St. James's, Amesbury,	5 00
	Grace Church, Boston,	20 00
	St. John's, Wilkinsonville,	4 00
	St. Anne's, Lowell,	15 05
" 18.	Christ Church, Cambridge,	5 00
		$431 35

Boston, June 18, 1840.

Errors excepted.

Proceedings

OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGYMEN OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Boston, June 17, 1840.

At a meeting of the subscribers to the fund of the "Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church," held this day in Grace Church, Boston, the Rev. Dr. Morss was requested to take the chair, and the Rev. J. L. Watson was chosen Secretary *pro tem.* The following draft of a Constitution, reported by a Committee appointed for this purpose by the Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts, was unanimously adopted:

CONSTITUTION.

Article I. The Society shall be under the management of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and five Trustees, who shall be chosen by ballot, annually, on the evening preceding the meeting of the Convention, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum.

Art. II. The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex officio*, President.

Art. III. Persons paying one dollar annually, shall be members entitled to vote; and persons paying twenty dollars at any one time shall be members for life.

Art. IV. The widows and children of deceased clergymen who shall have paid the sum of five dollars, or the sum of ten dollars, annually, shall be entitled to an annuity of five times the amount of such annual subscription, for twice the number of years during which it has been paid.

Art. V. Legacies and life subscriptions shall be funded; and the interest only, with such portions of the annual subscriptions as may be necessary to fulfil the above contract, shall be expended, at the discretion of the Trustees.

Art. VI. This charity shall be confined to the widows and children of those clergymen who have continued members of this Society to the time of their decease, and who have died in the communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Art. VII. A sermon shall be preached at the annual meeting of the Society, and a collection made for the increase of the funds. A report of the proceedings of the Society shall be made annually to the Convention of this Diocese.

The following officers were then chosen for the ensuing year, namely:

Rev. James Morss, D. D. 1st *Vice-President.*

Rev. Wm. Croswell, 2d *Vice-President.*
Rev. Isaac Boyle, D. D. *Treasurer.*
Rev. John L. Watson, *Secretary.*

TRUSTEES.

Rev. John S. Stone, D. D.	Rev. A. L. Baury
Rev. M. A. D'W. Howe,	Mr. Ebenr. Rhoa

It was *Voted*, That a committee of three be appointed t to the Legislature of this State for an act of incorporatic Mr. B. Howard, Mr. E. Rhoades, and Rev. T. M. Cla chosen a committee for that purpose.

The Rev. James Morss, D. D. was chosen first preach the Rev. Mr. Howe supplementary preacher, at the annu ing of the Society at Springfield, on the evening of the Tuesday in June next.

Adjourned. J. L. Watson, *Secr*

Instructions

FOR MISSIONARIES IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE BOARD SIONS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN TH MONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Every clergyman statedly receiving a stipend from thi is considered as a Missionary in the employment of the s

In addition to the discharge of his clerical functions, ag to the obligations of his ordination, he is required, —

1. To forward to the Secretary of the Board a writte of his mission by the first of June annually, in which stated what amount has been pledged for his support fro sources than this Board during said year, and how much reasonably anticipate for the coming year.

2. To present the claims of the Board to his congregat endeavor to increase the funds of the same by stated coll or by some mode of systematic contribution.

3. To give at least three months' notice to the Board of his intention to relinquish his station; and, in failure thereof, to forfeit all claim upon the Board for services rendered.

The salary of each Missionary shall commence from the time of his entering upon the duties of his station under an appointment from this Board, and be computed only for the time in which he has actually been engaged in the duties thereof.

All appropriations by this Board to be considered as made to the Missionary, and not to the parish, unless by express stipulation with the Wardens in writing, signed by the Secretary.

All grants from this Board to terminate at the expiration of the term of service for which the appropriation was made. Should the Missionary require the assistance received from the Board to be continued, a new engagement to that effect must, in all cases, be entered into, to entitle him to the same.

All future appropriations from this Board to terminate on the first of July subsequent to the appointment of the Missionary to his station.

At a meeting of the Board of Missions, on the 12th day of August, A. D. 1839, the foregoing instructions were adopted, and ordered to be printed; and the Secretary was directed to forward a copy to each of the Missionaries in the service of the Board. WILLIAM CROSWELL, *Secretary, &c.*

Directions

FOR PERSONS DESIRING TO BECOME CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS, AND FOR THOSE DESIRING ORDINATION AS DEACONS AND PRIESTS.

Directions for those who wish to become Candidates for Holy Orders.

A PERSON wishing to become a candidate for Holy Orders, must, *in the first instance*, give notice of his intention to the Bishop of the Diocese in which he resides; or, if there be no

Bishop, to the ecclesiastical authority, or to the Presi
Standing Committee of the Diocese.

He is, *in the next place*, to apply to the Standing
for their recommendation of him to the Bishop, to be
a candidate for Orders; and, to enable the Committe
must lay before them the following documents, viz.:

1. Evidence of his having made his intention kn
Bishop.

2. A certificate, signed by one presbyter and a
respectable laymen of the Protestant Episcopal Chu
following effect:—"We, the subscribers, from a
knowledge of the character of A. B. do hereby testif
that he is pious, sober, and honest; that he is attac
doctrines, discipline, and worship of the Protestant
Church, and a communicant of the same, and, in o
possesses such qualifications as will render him apt a
exercise the ministry to the glory of God and the edif
Church." *

3. A satisfactory diploma; or a certificate from th
or instructors of some approved literary institution;
tificate must state what have been his studies, and th
his improvement in them: or a certificate from two
appointed by the ecclesiastical authority of the Dioce
ine him as to his possessing such academical learn
enable him to enter advantageously on a course of th

These requisitions of the canons being fulfilled, t
Committee may then, if they see fit, sign a testimoni

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* It is not absolutely essential that the signers of the above sh
personal acquaintance with the applicant; but they may a
knowledge of his character from other sources as is satisfactory

† Canon IV, (1838,) Sect. 4. When a person applying to b
candidate wishes the knowledge of the Latin, Greek, and Hebre
and other branches of learning not strictly ecclesiastical, to be di
the Standing Committee shall not recommend him as a candidat
laid before them a testimonial, signed by at least two presbyters of
stating that, in their opinion, he possesses extraordinary streng
understanding, a peculiar aptitude to teach, and a large share of
and the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committe
granted said dispensation. This dispensation shall not be grant
son under twenty-seven years of age; nor shall any person be or
such dispensation, until he shall have attained thirty years of a
regard to the knowledge of the Hebrew language in all cases i

of the candidate, which he must produce to the Bishop, who may thereon admit him as a candidate for Orders; in which station he must remain three years before his ordination, unless the Bishop, with the consent of the Standing Committee, shall deem it expedient to ordain the candidate after the expiration of a shorter period, — not less than one year.*

Directions for those who have been Ministers, Licentiates, or Students of Theology among other Religious Denominations, and who desire admission to the Ministry of this Church.

When a person who, not having had Episcopal ordination, has been acknowledged as an ordained minister or licentiate among any other denomination of Christians, shall desire to be ordained in this Church, he must, *in the first place*, give notice thereof to the Bishop (or, if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee) of the Diocese in which he resides; and this notice must be accompanied with a written certificate from at least two presbyters of this Church, stating that, from personal knowledge of the party, or satisfactory evidence laid before them, they believe that his desire to leave the denomination to which he has belonged has not arisen from any circumstance unfavorable to his religious or moral character, or on account of which it may be inexpedient to admit him to the exercise of the ministry in this Church; and they may also add what they know or believe, on good authority, of the circumstances leading to the said desire.

The person applying to be received as a candidate must, *in the next place*, produce to the Standing Committee the following documents, viz.:

1. Evidence that the Bishop thinks proper to proceed.
2. The same testimonials of literary qualifications as are required of all other candidates.

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ons, the Bishop shall have the sole discretion of dispensation, without reference to the age of the candidate, as mentioned in this section.

Sect. 5. With this enumeration of qualifications it ought to be made known to the candidate that the Church expects of him what can never be brought to the test of any outward standard, — an inward fear and worship of Almighty God; a love of religion, and a sensibility to its holy influence; a habit of devout affection; and, in short, a cultivation of all those graces which are called in Scripture the fruits of the Spirit, and by which alone his sacred influences can be manifested.

* See also sections 8, 9, 10, of Canon IV, (1838.)

3. A testimonial from at least twelve members nation from which he came, or twelve members o Episcopal Church, or twelve persons, in part of th from which he came, and in part Episcopalians the Committee, that the applicant has, for three lived piously, soberly, and honestly.

4. A testimonial from at least two presbyters that they believe him to be pious, sober and h cerely attached to the doctrines, discipline, and Church.

The Standing Committee being satisfied on the then, if they see fit, recommend him to the Bisho as a candidate for orders in this Church; or in a the Standing Committee may so receive him.*

Directions for Candidates for Holy Orders wi dained Deacons.

A candidate for Holy Orders wishing to be orda must lay before the Standing Committee the ments, viz.:

1. A testimonial in the following words:

"We, whose names are hereunder written, do dence satisfactory to us, that A. B. for the space last past, hath lived piously, soberly, and honestly so far as we know or believe, written, taught, or contrary to the doctrines or discipline of the Prote Church; and, moreover, we think him a person w mitted to the sacred order of Deacons.

"In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our day of in the year of our Lord

The above certificate must be subscribed by th Vestry of the parish where the candidate resides; ish be vacant, (of which circumstance the Committ ly certified,) by the Vestry alone; and must contai at least a majority of all the Wardens and Vestry spective titles of the Minister, Wardens and Vest attached to their signatures. If there is no vestry

* See also sections 4, 5 and 6, of Canon VII, (18

didate resides, the circumstance must be certified to the Committee, and then the testimonial must be signed by at least twelve respectable persons of the Protestant Episcopal Church.*

2. A certificate signed by at least one respectable presbyter of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and in the following words:

"I do hereby testify that A. B. for the space of three years last past, hath lived piously, soberly, and honestly; and hath not, so far as I know, or believe, written, taught, or held any thing contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and, moreover, I think him a person worthy to be admitted to the sacred order of Deacons. This testimonial is founded on my personal knowledge of the said A. B. for one year last past, and for the residue of said time upon evidence that is satisfactory to me.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this day of , in the year of our Lord ."

When the candidate has produced these documents, and the Standing Committee are satisfied with them, then they may, if they think proper, grant and sign the canonical recommendation to the Bishop for orders; and the candidate must exhibit said recommendation to the Bishop before he can be ordained.

Directions for Deacons wishing to be ordained Priests.

A Deacon wishing to be ordained a Priest must lay before the Standing Committee the *same testimonials*, subscribed in the same way, as those required of him on his application for ordination as a Deacon; *except* that they may be so altered as to extend to such portion only of the three years preceding his application for Priests' orders, as has elapsed since his ordination as a Deacon; and *except also* that, if he be the minister of the parish, the testimonial of piety, good morals, and orderly conduct shall be signed by the Vestry alone.

These documents being regular and satisfactory, the Standing Committee may then furnish the applicant with the canonical recommendations, which must be exhibited to the Bishop.

* It is not absolutely essential that the signers of this testimonial should be personally acquainted with the candidate; they may act upon a satisfactory knowledge of his character from any other source.

Before a Deacon can be ordained Priest, he mu
to the Bishop a satisfactory certificate from some
or congregation, that he is engaged with them, an
receive him as their minister; *unless* he be a mi
the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese to whi
or in the employment of some missionary society
the General Convention; or unless he be engaged
tutor, or instructor of youth in some college, aca
seminary of learning duly incorporated.

Candidates for ordination as Priests or Deacons
ferred to Canon XV, (1832) § 3, 4 and 5.*

The foregoing directions, to be observed by tho
become candidates for Holy Orders, and by those
ordained Deacons and Priests, are published in co
resolution of the Standing Committee of the Dio
chusetts. JOHN L. WATSO

* SEC. 3. But, in case a candidate, from some peculiar
affecting his pious or moral character, should be unable to
nials from the Minister and Vestry of the parish where he
ing Committee may accept testimonials of the purport abo
least twelve respectable members of the Protestant Episc
from at least one respectable presbyter of the said churc
personally acquainted with the candidate for at least one ye

SEC. 4. Every candidate for Holy Orders, who may be
the Standing Committee of any church destitute of a Bish
sided for the greater part of the three years last past with
any Bishop, shall apply to such Bishop for ordination. A
shall produce the usual testimonials, as well from the comm
cese in which he has resided, as from the committee of t
Diocese for which he is to be ordained.

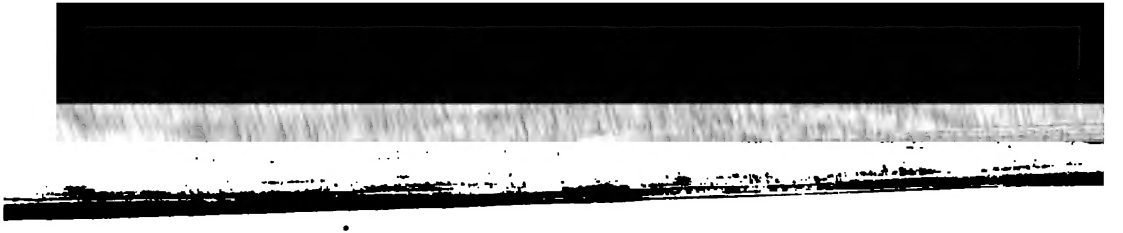
SEC. 5. In the case of a candidate for Priest's orders, who
ed a Deacon within three years preceding, the testimonials
may be so altered as to extend to such portion only of the
ceding his application for Priest's orders as have elapsed sin
as Deacon; and the Standing Committee shall allow the t
tered the same effect as if in the form prescribed, and sha
testimonial in such altered form, with the same effect as if
prescribed, unless some circumstance shall have occurred t
idate the force of the evidence on which the candidate was

NOTICE.

The next annual Convention of the Pro
pal Church of Massachusetts will be held in
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9 o'clock, A M.

ALFRED L. BAUR
Secretary of the

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